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# PICKS and SHOVELS

By O. E. POTTER

Slow-Washout!

An unusual but none the less effective se of signs along the highway has come of our attention in an Associated Press oatch in the Cleveland Plain Dealer of August 8.

It seems that up near Shell Lake, Wis., the roads were pretty dusty this summer. But motorists slowed down as, sammer. But motorists slowed down as, through the dust, they spied signs reading "washout" on both sides of a highway detour at the Guy Campbell farm, though as they drove on they saw no washout in the road.

Mrs. Campbell, tired of having clouds of dust soil her washing, put out the signs when she hung out the clothes.

Fire Insurance for Roads— Would Lloyds Take the Risk?

Last winter when frost and freezing amaged the roads of North Carolina extensively, many were surprised by the weather but not by the resulting need of road repair. Late in July, however, the surprising news turned up of a road being burned, according to a story in E. F. Craven's Road Machinery News. W. C. McCormick, Assistant State

Forester, reported that forest fires near Wenona, Washington County, burned out the foundation of the road for a stretch of nearly 2 miles. The road is constructed of a mineral topsoil placed on a bed of peat and vegetable matter. The fire that swept through the surrounding timber ignited the peat and vegetable foundation, burning it out and

causing the road to cave in.

Will roads burning up be added to the list at Lloyds, along with rain on King Edward's Coronation Day, and quintuplets?

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# **Patching With** Rock Asphalt

Indiana Maintenance Crews Patch With Like Material and Produce Smooth-Riding Highways

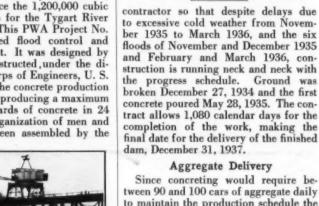
(Photos on page 40)

MORE credit should be given to the maintenance forces of the various state highway departments for the character of the patches they make in the surfaces of roads. It is too true that in many states we would have to withhold this editorial blessing for the patches ride like frost boils. In Indiana we have experienced the satisfaction of riding hundreds of miles of highways maintained by the state and have gen-erally found the patches most satisfac-

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# **Automatic Batching** for Concrete Dam on Tygart River, W. Va.

THE first fully automatic batching plant on a large construction project east of the Mississippi River is being operated by the Frederick Snare Corp. of New York City at Grafton, W. Va., to produce the 1,200,000 cubic yards of concrete for the Tygart River Reservoir Dam. This PWA Project No. 44 is a combined flood control and navigation project. It was designed by and is being constructed under the direction of the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army. To serve the concrete production plant, capable of producing a maximum plant, capable of producing a maximum of 5,000 cubic yards of concrete in 24 hours, a large organization of men and equipment has been assembled by the



Since concreting would require between 90 and 100 cars of aggregate daily to maintain the production schedule the contractor made arrangements with the New Martinsville Sand & Gravel Co. of New Martinsville, W. Va., for the delivery of Ohio River aggregates. This company is composed of five associated companies and the full production of two of these plants and part of the protwo of these plants and part of the production of three others is required to

furnish sufficient aggregates.

To provide sufficient area for the tracks necessary to store and classify the various construction materials delivered to the site by way of the Balti-more & Ohio Railroad, the contractor placed 350,000 cubic yards of excavated material from the early work in an area of 10 acres and placed thereon 5½ miles of track, including fourteen classification tracks capable of handling 180 to 200 cars. All shifting within the yard

200 cars. All shifting within the yard is done by an American Locomotive Works 75-ton steam switching engine.

As construction of the dam progressed it was necessary to provide a right-of-way through the structure for the G&B Branch of the B&O Railroad. This was accomplished by leaving a tunnel of sufficient clearance at the location of one of the two power conduits provided in

sufficient clearance at the location of one of the two power conduits provided in the dam for possible future use. The larger opening for the trains will be plugged later, leaving only the circular conduit opening as designed.

A 2,500-ton track hopper, a reinforced concrete structure 260 feet long by 21 feet wide and 27 feet deep, was built for unloading the hopper-bottom aggregate cars. It is divided into four separate hoppers for the various aggregates as follows: sand, 750 tons; 1-inch gravel, 485 tons; 2-inch gravel, 455 tons; and 4-inch gravel, 815 tons. Beneath the track hopper is a tunnel containing the aggregate belt for transport
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truck or grader or tractor in a moment by connecting up to the tank on the equipment.

Immediately above the butane tank is a pair of horizontal tanks about 16 inches in diameter and 5 feet long. One of these contains air at 150 pounds for any flat tires that develop, and the other water for roller rolls or radiators that

the amount of things that it can supply. First there is a 500-gallon tank for butane gas at 150 pounds pressure mounted horizontally on the chassis. As

the contractor uses butane gas in all of his equipment, the truck can refuel any

get thirsty.

On the same side as the air tank is a series of drums with oils and grease containers for the grease guns.

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Concreting Trestle at Tygart Reservoir Dam, Grafton, W. Va.

#### Complete Lubrication and Fueling Provided By Special Truck on Hemstreet & Bell Jobs

THEY kept Bill hustling so on the Cat pulling the spreader today that I had to go back three times before I could finish greasing him," reported the driver of the unique lubrication and fueling truck of Hemstreet & Bell as he fueling truck of Hemstreet & Bell as he pulled into the yard by the hot-mix plant near Los Molinos, Calif. He had started out with the first truck in the morning and taken each piece of equipment as it could be released for a few minutes from its allotted work to refuel with butane gas and to lubricate it from the assortment of Pennzoil lubricants carried in the versions continues.

assortment of Fennizon Indirectors carried in the various containers.

This truck is quite a complete greasing shop in itself. The contractor took an old GMC chassis and mounted on it the various containers in such a com-pact assembly that one is misled as to

# Divers and Sundry Jobs On Bonneville Project

By HENRY W. YOUNG

(Photo on page 40)

ON a project of the size and kind of Bonneville, the number of special problems and "emergencies" may occur so frequently as to become almost part of the routine. Aiding in the solution of many of these special problems is the diving team, O'Donnell & Vance, who are on call night and day and whose tasks are various and sundry.

The proverbial busy bee or ambitious ant might take a lesson from these divers on some of their days when the jobs pile up and they go from cutting a fouled cable under water, to putting the pins in the hinges of the cofferdam, and in general, furnishing the much needed eves and hands at the river bottom dureyes and hands at the river bottom during the sinking of the cribs or driving of steel sheet piling. And then, of course, in the pressure of work, the contractors are forever dropping little things into the river, a steam shovel, a truck or a bulldozer. And then to the rescue go the divers, lines are placed around the piece of equipment and it is fished out.

This team of divers is a partnership of C. O'Donnell and R. H. Vance, who have done diving and marine work of this and other kinds practically all over the world. Their last big job was on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay bridge, and now, at Bonneville, they are under contract by the year to the Columbia Construction Co. and the U. S. Engineers.

#### Their Tasks Are Many

While it is not possible to enumerate everything that they do, the following examples taken at random will serve to indicate how important their work is to the contractor:

Drilling and blasting under the cribs; 2. Cutting off a row of 107 steel piles to salvage them; 3. Cutting off fouled cable; 4. Putting pins in thirdstep cofferdam; 5. Examination of cribs in winter under ice; 6. Cleaning out multer under tee; o. Cleaning out guides for stoplogs in powerhouse openings; 7. Examining steel piling already driven, for openings; 8. Assisting pile driving crew; 9. Locating submerged equipment and arranging tackle for hauling it out; 10. Locating and helping raise a sunker hoat. sunken boat.

#### Special Torch for This Work

In addition to the hand tools which the diver has ordinarily employed, he now has a special one which has en-



The Dug Well Which Furnished Water for the S. J. Groves Job

## O'Donnell & Vance, Divers, Fish for Everything from Wrenches to Power Shovels and Untangle Piles

larged the scope of his activities materially. This is the oxy-acetylene-compressed air cutting torch. On the divers' horses there is almost always to be ers' barge, there is almost always to be found a pile of cylinders with their pres-sure control devices all connected up and ready for use. Even if the diver is not going down to do a specific cutting job, he never knows when he may en-counter steel that requires cutting. Compressed air is carried in the cylinders, as well as the two gases, as it is cleaner and drier than air that might be taken

The torch used by O'Donnell & Vance is a Victor submarine, fitted with a new type of hood, which was developed at Bonneville by Barten Carter of the Columbia Construction Co., and perfected there by practical tests made by the divers. The hood is so designed that

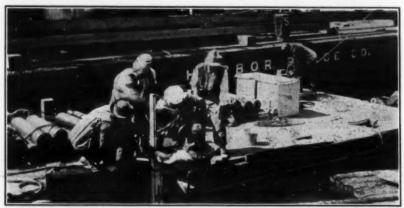
from the general-purpose compressor

when the torch is under water a con-stant cone of air is maintained in front of the tip. This is called the bubble. The oxy-acetylene flame then burns in this cone and the diver goes ahead with his cutting. His speed below is about 80 per cent of good cutting speed on the surface. The air pressure used is approx-imately one-half pound for each foot of depth. The torch is lighted on the surface, the air turned on and it is then lowered to him by a line. It will operate in any position in the water.

#### Some Odd Jobs

Taking up in more detail some of the activities previously mentioned, that one in connection with drilling and blast-ing under the timber cribs is especially interesting. As already described in the CONTRACTORS & ENGINEERS MONTHLY (June, 1936), these cribs are built with tailored bottoms to fit the contour of the river bed. But it is impossible to get them to fit exactly with soundings alone.

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The Divers' Barge With Its Oxygen, Hydrogen and Compressed Air Containers.

Diver Vance Is Just Coming Up From Helping the Pile Drivers.

# Concrete Road Paved Speedily in So. Jersey

UNDER conditions seemingly ideal. D. S. J. Groves & Sons, Inc., started pouring a 12-mile stretch of 2-lane concrete highway south of New Lisbon, N.J., on April 1, 1936. With the new pavement about 25 feet east of the existing road for its entire length, providing ing road for its entire length, providing ideal hauling conditions, a good batching set-up, and a sand and gravel subgrade that drained perfectly, a contractor's millenium seemed assured. But, "There ain't no sech animal." Floods in Pittsburgh 280 miles away quite effectively stopped production of material on order for the new beam-type expansion joint used in New Jersey and then when the material did arrive, an extended period of misty weather prethen when the material did arrive, an extended period of misty weather prevented painting the parts with the two coats required by the state specifications. This delayed actual paving for several weeks, but, when old Jupiter Pluvius finally quit harassing the job, things began to click and in spite of a new organization and an 8-mile dead hard from the batching plant the 27 E haul from the batching plant, the 27-E paver, which has over half a million square yards of pavement to its credit, day after day laid down 900 feet of 10foot pavement uniformly 9 inches thick and the new dual drum paver stepped out with an average of 1,500 feet per

#### Grading

Grading on this 12-mile project was started October 12, 1935, with four 11/4-

#### A Dual Drum and a 27E Paver Used on 12-Mile Contract by S. J. Groves of Ridgefield, N. J.

vard Lorain power shovels, and six Caterpillar Sixty gasoline tractors with LaPlant-Choate bulldozers preparing rough grade for the two 10-foot strips of 9-inch concrete pavement and the two 15-foot shoulders. The material which was sandy gravel was easily and speedily handled.

#### Team Work on Concreting

Starting off a new dual-drum paver with a handicap of 15 working days



The Oxy-Acetylene Compressed Air Torch, Lighted and With the Air in the Form of a "Bubble" Being Lowered to the Diver Below in 60 Feet of Water

seems a bit unfair to the 27E paver that had already done noble service in laying down half a million cubic yards pavement. The contractor figured that by starting his new Ransome Dual Drum on the west slab on April 1 and the following up with the Ransome 27E on April 18 on the east slab, also starting at the north end, that the two pavers would remain far enough apart so that there would always be sufficient concrete slab ahead for the 27E to run on the concrete and when the dual drum paver reached the end of its run, it could turn back and pave a section of the east slab before being run over to the next contract in Manasquan, N.J.

By this kind of team work the contractor was able to finish the paving before the date he had set, August 1, in spite of initial set-backs.

S. J. Groves & Sons does not leave anything to chance when it comes to putting equipment into condition so that it will give the best possible account of itself when the construction season opens. Between \$15,000 and \$20,000 as spent last winter on equipment reairs. We feel that the record of the dual drum and the 27E paver with their accessory equipment of graders and fin-ishers proves the value of the investment.

#### Labor and Hours

On this Federal Aid Project 130A and B, mostly local labor was employed. The job was run five days a week and eight hours a day, giving a 40-hour week with any losses due to weather or other causes made up on Saturday. The job started at 8 o'clock in the morning and finished at 4:30 at night with one-half hour for lunch.

#### Running the Dual Drum Outfit

Ahead of the dual drum paver which traveled an average of 1,500 feet a day, a Warco power grader on crawlers cut the rough grade close to its final ele-vation and took care of the form trench. A crew of six men handled the form setting. The master formsetter ran the setting. The master formsetter ran the form ahead and then the double line of Blaw-Knox 9-inch forms with an 8-inch base were set under his direction by the six men. A total of 2,250 feet of these forms was kept moving on the job.

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This Dual Drum Paver Averaged 1,500 Feet of 10-Foot Pavement 9 Inches Thick Per 8-Hour Day on the S. J. Groves 12-Mile Concrete Paving Job

# \$360,000 BUYS 35 MILES OF NEW, DURABLE PAVING



Three mechanical pavers laying new Hotmix TEXACO Asphaltic Concrete top in 35-mile resurfacing program of Evanston, Ill. Machine-spreading was used throughout the project.

Evanston, Ill., was handicapped by a large mileage of old, worn streets, most of them of waterbound macadam construction. This year, the city has transformed 35 miles of its obsolete streets into modern, durable pavements. An expenditure of \$360,000 was called for by this ambitious modernization program, representing approximately \$10,000 per mile.

Evanston's new paving is of a heavy-duty type, Hot-mix TEXACO Asphaltic Con-

crete. While the rough waterbound macadam was an unsatisfactory riding surface, it had become so firmly consolidated by traffic that it provided a splendid foundation for resilient, lasting TEXACO Asphaltic Concrete surfacing.

Other cities with waterbound macadam, or other types of paving, which have seen their best days, will benefit by following Evanston's example. Our nearest office will gladly cooperate in working out the details.



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#### Watch Your Burlap!

If you buy second hand burlap, particularly old burlap bags and have them sewed together to provide the strips for the initial 24-hour curing of concrete pavements, we warn you-watch your

step!
Reports reached us in the west this summer that at least two contractors had set up a howl when they had to replace concrete slab, the surface of which had been ruined by the action of chemicals retained in the second hand burlap. In both cases, old bags had been used and since burlap is burlap, no inquiries were made into the history of previous service of the jute bags. Some may service of the jute bags. Some may have carried fertilizer, organic or chemical, others may have served to transport chemicals which might prove injurious to cement, and still other bags may carry in their fabric soluble substances which would seriously retard, if not even halt, the setting of the cement.

It's as good a plan to buy new burlap as it is to buy new rather than used equipment of unknown service and dependability.

There is, however, a word of warning necessary even when new burlap is used. New burlap itself should be thoroughly washed to remove the chemicals or sizing retained in the fibers from the manufacturing process. Its sounds like working the "bugs" out of a new ma-

#### More Guard Rail or Wider Roads?

From Florida comes the intriguing thought that wider roads with flatter slopes are cheaper than the installation and maintenance cost of adequate guard rail on long, low fills. The pair of photographs at the bottom of the page show what the eastern "sunshine state" is doing

is doing.

While guard rails are fully as important in highway construction as an

#### In Many Cases, This Is Cheaper



Than This



Widening Long Fills in Florida Has Proved Less Expensive Than the Instal-lation and Maintenance of Miles of Guard Rail

all-weather non-skid road surface for the safe operation of cars on high fills, curves and along precipitous slopes, the expense of the installation and maintenance of guard rail at all fills is not necessarily justified.

Florida has used guard rail on low fills as have many other states per-

Florida has used guard rail on low fills, as have many other states, perhaps more as a matter of habit than of necessity. A study of the situation showed that wider road beds, the elimination of deep ditches and the substitution of flat slopes made for greater safety for high speed motor traffic and that the danger of serious injury or death if a car ran off the road was very small. Consequently widening operations have been undertaken and the necessity for much guard rail has been necessity for much guard rail has been eliminated.

A wider road bed makes a safer road. This is only one of the advantages of this type of roadside improvement, which also tends to retard erosion, im-proves sight distances and prepares the way for future widening of the road surface, all of which further contribute to the safety of the traveling public.

#### The Contractor's Goats

This summer we arrived at the batch-This summer we arrived at the batching plant of a paving contractor in the middle west during the noon hour when all was quiet. As we walked over to study the batching layout a pair of young goats trotted side by side up the road ahead of us. They reached the batching plant, looked quizzically at it and then scampered off to a nearby field.

We asked the concrete foreman later We asked the concrete foreman later if they were the contractor's goats. He replied, "Every contractor has them goats. They are named Breakdown and Heat."

#### The Highway Tax Bill

Highway transportation is taxed in excess of one billion dollars annually, or about five times as much as railroad transportation, according to Baird H. Markham, director of the American Petroleum Industries Committee, speaking at the Delaware Highway Users Conference in Wilmington, Dela. Gasoline taxes alone, he reported, make up 80 per cent of the highway users' tax bill. More than 9,000 bills directly affecting highway use were introduced in state legislatures in 1935 and 1,200 of them became laws.

With state legislatures hounding the motor vehicle owner with more and more taxes and then diverting these taxes from their legitimate uses for the improvement and maintenance of our highways, the motor vehicle owner has reached a position even less enviable than the allegedly rich who would be "soaked" by most legislators. Since the usual gasoline and other highway taxes are unseen, they are not noticed but the day is not far distant when another cent tax on gasoline or another dollar on licenses will be the straw that will break the taxpayer's back and then we will see a different set of legislators basking in our air-conditioned halls of

#### Accident Experience In Industry in 1935

The construction industry lowered both its accident frequency rate and ac-cident severity rates during 1935, as compared with the 1934 rates, according to reports of the National Safety Council. These reports cover the records of 73 construction organizations whose employees worked 135,872,000 man-hours.

The average 1935 frequency rate of 28.24 (the number of disabling injuries per million man-hours of exposure) is 16 per cent below the average rate for 1934; and the corresponding severity rate of 4.52 (the number of days lost per thousand man-hours of exposure) is 8 per cent below the 1934 record.

The construction industry suffers, however, in a comparison with the average rate for all industries. In a list 30 major industries reporting to the National Safety Council, the average frequency rate for all industries is 14.02

and the average severity rate 1.58.

Nevertheless, the frequency of disabling injuries in the construction industry has decreased notably by 58 per cent since 1926, almost equaling the average reduction of 61 per cent in all industries during the same period. Severity is down 61 per cent in construction organizations as compared with 43 per cent average for all indus-

tries.

Large organizations had by far the best record in 1935, but small organizations made the best showing in com-parison with 1934 records. Of the various branches of the industry, general construction work (not building) had the lowest 1935 rates, while organizations engaged in highway work made the best showing in comparison with 1934 by reducing frequency 42 per cent and severity 65 per cent.

The most important types of com-

pensable accidents in the construction industry, according to state reports, are handling objects and falls to a different level, which account for 52 per cent

of all accidents.

Detailed information on accident rates in the construction industry is contained in a booklet of that title which may be secured from the National Safety Council, 20 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Ill.

#### **Five-Year Road Program** Undertaken in Chile

In 1937 work will start in earnest on In 1937 work will start in earnest on the five-year highway construction program in Chile, 160,000,000 pesos for which was recently voted by the Chamber of Deputies. Most of the roads to be built under this plan will be of gravel, though one short hard-surfaced road will be built out of Talca, another from Santiago to Puente Alto and two

or three short stretches.

One relatively new departure for Chile which is contemplated in this highway program is the application of oil treatment to gravel surfaced roads. According to the last report on highway mileage in Chile, only 21.6 miles were of oil treatment. The excessive dust throughout the long dry season in the central zone in Chile makes travel by car very unpleasant and consequently the Department of Roads plans to introduce oil treatment as a remedy.

It is likely that some extensive purchases of road building equipment will be necessary to carry out this program, particularly of scarifiers, graders and particularly of scarifiers, graders and rollers, according to a report from the U. S. Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. An expenditure up to 8 per cent of the total of the funds provided may be spent for machinery and equipment, according to the provisions of the law, which would amount to about \$500,000 U. S. currency.



New York Herald Tribune
One of "Life's Darkest Moments"

#### Lighting Our Highways Discussed at Convention

The very pertinent subject of highway lighting took a prominent place on the program of the Thirtieth Annual Convention of the Illuminating Engineering Society at Buffalo, N. Y.

Highway lighting has become such an important subject, and differs in so many respects from the problems of street lighting, that a Code of Highway Lighting has been prepared by the Committee on Street and Highway Lighting mittee on Street and Highway Lighting of the Illuminating Engineering Society and was presented to the convention. This Code aims to offer the best guidance that the present state of the art affords. This report includes not only statements as to the proper planning and placing of highway lighting systems, their relation to the type of road surface and the general classification of the highway, with recommendations for solving the various problems, but also contains a summary of the relation of motor vehicle accidents to proper or inadequate highway lighting. or inadequate highway lighting.

Another paper on this general sub-ject was "Determination of Visibility on Lighted Highways" by Kirk M. Reid and H. J. Chanon, of the Nela Park Engineering Department, General Electric Co., Cleveland, Ohio. This paper dis-cusses the technique of field evaluation of the seeing afforded by highway-lighting systems, and reports the measurements of visibility and related factors for three highway-lighting installations of widely dissimilar characteristics. The results show substantial differences in

the seeing values.

Earl J. Reeder, Traffic Engineer, National Safety Council, discussed the problem of highway lighting, with particular reference as to its need for safety from the point of view of the traffic ty, from the point of view of the traffic engineer. The procedure which is considered necessary in determining where highway lighting is needed for accident prevention is described, and the impor-tance of the accident-experience ap-proach to the problem is emphasized. Methods are suggested for the determine Methods are suggested for the determination of the criteria for the need of highway lighting for safety, and until such criteria have been established on the accident-experience basis, highway lighting will fail to attain the recognition in the traffic engineering field which it deserves, said Mr. Reeder.

Copies of these papers may be secured for 15 cents each from the Illuminating Engineering Society. 29 W.

minating Engineering Society, 29 39th St., New York City.

During the first six months of 1936, there were consumed in the United States 30,249,819 more pounds of industrial explosives than in the corresponding period of the year before, according to statistics just released by the Institute of Makers of Explosives.

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# Plant and Equipment for Oil-Aggregate Mix

By J. G. SCHAUB Assistant Construction Engineer, Michigan State Highway Department

In an endeavor to get rural Michigan out of the dust and to provide safe and serviceable highways for the travel-ing public and the tourists who visit the state, insofar as funds are available, the Michigan State Highway Department has been experimenting with aggregate mixtures as an economical surfacing for the many miles of gravel roads where traffic conditions are not severe. This type of surface eliminates the dust nuisance and provides smooth pavement at comparatively low cost. Some of Michigan's experiences with this type of road construction were de-

scribed in a paper presented before the Twenty-Second Annual Conference on Highway Engineering at the University of Michigan, upon which this article is

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The Michigan State Highway Department in its specifications adopted September 1, 1934 provides for three different methods of constructing oil-aggregate surface, road-mix, traveling-

lant mix, and stationary-plant mix.

During the 1935 construction season 1¾ miles of road-mix were laid in one project and 16¾ miles of stationaryproject and 10% miles of stationary-plant mix in three projects, one of which was 11-1/3 miles long. About 63 miles of this type of construction was contracted for during the 1936 season, in addition to a WPA program of about 300 miles.

#### Foundation and Prime Coat

Oil-aggregate surface course of 3-inch compacted thickness with 1½-inch crown is usually laid 20 feet wide on old or new gravel bases having a width of 21 feet. If an old gravel road is to of 21 feet. If an old gravel road is to be used as a foundation, it is reshaped and widened, if necessary, to provide 21 feet of compacted metal of satisfac-tory thickness. Care must be exercised to eliminate waves and irregularities with blade or maintainer, to provide a base surface reasonably true to crown and grade.

With a non-rigid surface on a gravel base, extra precautions must be taken to provide proper drainage facilities to take care of subsoil and surface water. In the construction of a new gravel

base or conditioning of an old gravel base, tests are made by the Research and Testing Division to insure, in addition to properly graded aggregate, a sufficient amount of clay or binder to produce a stabilized foundation. Calcium chloride is used to assist stabiliza-tion in dry weather.

The prepared surface is then primed with bituminous material at the rate of approximately 1/3-gallon per square yard, using cut-back asphalt, slow curing oil, emulsified asphalt or tar. Slow curing oil was used on several projects but proved less satisfactory than the out proved less satisfactory than the cut-back asphalt or tar because its slow curing properties caused it to be picked up by traffic for a considerable time. One reason for the use of a prime coat is to seal the surface from moisture from below and any picking up or breaking of the prime coat destroys the seal.

#### Mineral Aggregates

The 1935 aggregate specifications applied for both road and plant mix. Mineral aggregates could be natural crushed or uncrushed sand-gravel, slag, crushed mine rock, crushed stone, stamp sand with finely divided mineral matter, supplied either separately or in combination as may be necessary to

**Experimentation and Study** by Michigan State Hwy Dept. Produce Economical Method of Building Low-Cost Roads

conform to the following composition

Passing	%-inch sere	en			100	per	cen
Passing	1/2-inch sere	em			.60-90	per	cent
Passing	10-mesh sie	ve			35-50	per	cent
Passing	40-mesh siev	re			.20-40	per	cent
Passing	200-mesh sie	rve			5-10	per	cent
Clay or	mud balls :	must no	t be	more	than 2	per	cen

New specifications, which it is be-lieved will fit the aggregate conditions and production methods better and also and production methods better and also produce denser mixtures, were prepared for 1936. The material passing the ½-inch screen must now be 65 to 90 per cent and material passing the 10-mesh sieve, 40 to 60 per cent. Aggregates conforming to these requirements are available economically in practically all sections of Michigan.

#### Bituminous Materials

The oil required for this surface is a slow-curing liquid asphaltic material. For road-mix or traveling-plant mix a medium viscosity oil known as SC-3A is specified while for stationary-plant mix a high viscosity oil, SC-4A, is required quired.

#### Mixture Composition

A considerable study of the aggregates in Michigan and their behavior with various fines in oil mixture has been made. The water-asphalt prefer-ential test indicates that some fillers have a greater affinity for water than

for the oil. This property of fillers is, we believe, more important in the water-resisting action and length of life of oil mixtures than of hot asphalt mixtures, due to the nature of the bituminous madue to the nature of the bituminous materials. Some silica fillers, fine sands and silts have a greater affinity for water, or are hydrophillic, while most calcareous fillers, such as limestone dust, marl, sugar beet lime, prefer the oil or are hydrophobic.

The use of marl for filler was an innovation. Tests showed this marl to

be mostly calcium carbonate, though somewhat finer than commercial limesomewhat finer than commercial limestone dust. Allowance for this fineness
was made in the surface area factor,
using 300 instead of 250 as the factor
for the material passing 200 mesh and
consequently a little more oil.

The specifications require the amount
of oil to be between 4 and 6 per cent
by weight of the total mixture. The
exact amount of oil required for a par-

exact amount of oil required for a particular aggregate and filler is deter-mined by the Research and Testing Di-

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The Quarry Floor, Grizzly and Screen House As Seen from the Top of Keeley Construction Co.'s Quarry

#### Effects of Drought On Road Construction

The extended dry weather prevailing over most of the state of Indiana has been both a hindrance and a help to the extensive highway construction pro-gram. While the lack of rainfall and low stream levels has been a boon to contractors engaged in the erection of new bridges and has speeded up the laying of much new pavement, the same condition has been a handicap to contractors working on stone and gravel surfaced highways. Continued dry weather is creating a new problem for highway workers constructing grades and fills as there has been little or no moisture to speed up the settlement of materials.

Heavy layers of dust forming on sections of highways to be surfaced with stone and gravel and at some points where paving is in progress has become a handicap that cannot be overcome until there is sufficient rainfall to moisten the ground according to Lawes D. ten the ground, according to James D. Adams, Chairman, Indiana State Highway Commission. On some construction projects trouble has been experi-enced in maintaining a sufficient water supply but up to September 1, no projects have been stopped for this reason.

#### Hot-Mix Road Design

Particular stress was laid on a modirathcular stress was laid on a monification in the design of hot-mixes for stability by Bernard E. Gray, Chief Highway Engineer, The Asphalt Institute, in speaking before the North Atlantic Highway Officials Association. Some years ago when stability measuring equipment was first devised and it ing equipment was first devised and it was learned that this characteristic could be increased by the addition of more filler, the use of harder asphalts or a combination of the two, there was started a trend toward making mix-tures that now are sometimes too hard.

Pushing or shoving of asphaltic con-crete and sheet asphalt pavements is practically unknown today, but there has developed instead a certain amount of cracking. Changing traffic conditions have aggravated this latter condition, due to reduced annealing effect former-ly obtained with hard tires, together with freedom from oil drippings which

with freedom from oil drippings which aided in keeping a pavement in sufficiently ductile condition to resist cracking. Present design should therefore be made upon the basis of the minimum stability required to prevent lateral displacement, and consistent therewith to use as little filler, as, much asphalt and as soft an asphalt as possible. There are but few pavement situations today where a 60-70 penetration asphalt cement will not give better results than one of harder grade, and in many instances, particularly for medium traffic, it will be desirable to use even a 70-85 penetration grade. tration grade.

# Preparing Stone for Road-Mix Job

Contractors Roadside Quarry Had Smooth Floor for Truck Operation and Screen of Ledge to Protect Traffic

TO PROVIDE stone for the 5.8-mile Federal Aid Project 72-A on U.S. 50 east of Romney, W. Va., bid in at \$168,349.50, the Keeley Construction Co., of Clarksburg, W. Va., opened a road-side quarry 3 miles west of the town and stockpiled all stone for the surface at any conjunctely one mile intervals. face at approximately one-mile intervals throughout the length of the job. stone in the quarry was of three different geological formations and was so strati-fied that it was advisable to take out the material that would form the smaller sizes first and stockpile them before op-erating the crusher for the larger stone for the macadam base course.

The Quarry Setting

In order to take advantage of the strata of rock the material was drilled in depths varying from 6 to 16 feet. The individual strata ran from 6 to 10 feet thick and either one or two of these strata were drilled at one time. When these were shot the material broke clean, leaving a flat shelf that was developed into a smooth quarry floor for the 180-foot length of the quarry. The overburden ran from a maximum of 10 feet at the foot of the ledge to only 2 feet at the top. the top.



Tamping a Charge in a Deep Hole at the Top of the Quarry

The quarry face ran from 10 feet at the start to 60 feet as the quarry was worked to its full depth. A section of ledge running 20 feet above the quarry floor and 40 feet above the highway was left as a screen to protect traffic at all times even though traffic was stopped whenever there was a shot.

Drilling

An Ingersoll-Rand 250-foot portable compressor furnished air for the two I-R jackhammers as well as for the blacksmith shop where there were an I-R oil-fired forge and a pneumatic sharpener. Crusca drill steel in lengths up to 16 feet was used in the jackhammers, with 6 and 12-foot lengths predominating. The contractor used 40

and 60 per cent Austin dynamite for blasting, firing with an electric blasting machine located around the brow of the hill in which the ledge was located.

#### Rock Production

Two motor trucks with five men and a driver for each handled the stone by hand loading and hauling over the smooth quarry floor to the chute feeding the Western No. 1600 jaw crusher. The stone too large to handle readily was hand sledged. The chute was located about 20 feet above road level, giving easy gravity feed. One man at the top of the chute spotted and dumped the trucks while two men at the crusher fed the material.

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Power for the crusher was provided by a Waukesha 60-hp gas engine while the bucket elevator and cylinder screen were run by an engine removed from an old Caterpillar Thirty tractor. The crusher itself was part of a portable outfit and had been removed from the truck and set up on a concrete founda-tion for this job.

The screen removed three sizes of stone; ½, ¾, and ½-inch, with the oversize delivered to a metal chute leading to a Good Roads roll crusher set to produce 1½-inch stone. The material reduced by the roll crusher was delivered to the backet elevator again for reduced by the roll crusher was delivered to the bucket elevator again for screening. The 75-ton wood bins were not used for storage but merely to care for the material as produced and for quick loading of the trucks.

Working two 6-hour shifts, the quarry produced an average of 260 tons of stone per day, according to the weigh sheet of the state inspector. This did not include the dust or chips used to fill

include the dust or chips used to fill the voids in the macadam base, nor the tailings, 1½ to 2½-inch stone, hauled for filling soft spots in the grade. From 20 to 24 loads of 2½ yards each of the chips were hauled out each day. A fleet of three to five hired trucks hauled the stone for the road mix to the stockpiles along the right-of-way. When it came time to use this material on the road, it was reloaded to the trucks by a Barber-Greene loader with spiral feeders.

#### Job Data

There was a total of 120,000 cubic yards of excavation on this job for the full length of the contract which was graded 30 feet wide. A stone base of macadam and then a 180-pound road-mix surface was placed on the grade for a width of 20 feet.

#### Personnel

For the Keeley Construction Co., contractor for this project, G. R. "Pat" Gay was Superintendent with O. L. Buckelew as Quarry Foreman. O. R. Nuzum was Inspector in charge for the State Road Commission of West Virginia, for which Mortimer W. Smith is Chief Engineer.

17 to 20 per cent climb in fourth. Tandems made the 31 per cent grade in first, the 17 to 20 per cent grade in second and third. The hauls ran from 1,300 to third. The hauls ra 1,800 feet round trip.

1,800 feet round trip.

The contractor works two 8-hour shifts, under the supervision of Ben Wells, Superintendent. H. S. "Pop" Payson is Resident Engineer for California Division of Highways.



Scrapers and a Rooter Working on a Steep Section of the North Approach Highway to the Golden Gate Bridge

# Bridge Approach Stiff Grading Job

ONE of the many contracts involved in the preparation for the O in the preparation for the opening of the Golden Gate Bridge in California to traffic is the grading and surfacing of the North Approach. The purpose of this project, which involves 1,750,000 cubic yards of excavation, mostly red decomposed rock, is to provide a four-lane traffic artery connecting the end of the bridge with the state highway at Waldo Point. The length of the new approach is 3½ miles, including a 1,000-foot tunnel, which is being built on another contract. Both contracts are to be completed in May, 1937.

The irregular hilly topography of the area makes an unusually stiff job of grading. Establishing a 6 per cent finished grade on one early section of the project required a cut of 100 feet and a fill of 40 feet, with down grades for the leaded earth province on the leaded of the leader of the lea the loaded earth-moving equipment at the start as steep as 46 per cent and upgrades for the return up to 31 per cent.

Equipment Used

The Macco Construction Co., of Clearwater, Calif., contractor for this project, moved onto the job two Northwest shovels, five trucks, one Allis-Chalmers Model L tractor with Hutchins bulldozer, and eight 14-yard Type J special

Steep Grades on Macco Constr. Co's. 1,750,000-Yard Contract for North Approach to Golden Gate Bridge Conquered by Scrapers

Carryall scrapers, three 12-yard Type J Carryalls, one 12-yard Type B Carryall, one 24-yard Carryall, two Angledozers, one bulldozer, one rooter and two sheepsfoot rollers, all Le Tourneau equipment and operated by Le Tourneau power control units. Carryalls working in tandem employ four-drum power units. This equipment is powered by Caterpillar RD8's and Seventy-Fives.

The tandems consists of one 12-yard and one 14-yard scraper. During a time study period these were loaded on 10 to 36 per cent down grades in an average of 140 feet by dropping the bowl of the lead scraper to loading position as soon as the trailing scraper was half full.

Loaded, both singles and tandem units came down grade in fourth general except.

came down grade in fourth gear, except 40 per cent and steeper grades, which were negotiated in third. Returning empty, the singles made the 31 per cent up grade in first and second, and the



A 34-Yard Koehring Shovel Equipped With a Special 3-Yard Snow Dipper Clearing Snow from a Milwaukee County Highway Last Winter

# **New Underpass** On Indian Land

Federal Land Highway Job Near Acoma Pueblo on U.S. Route 66 in New Mexico

A NEW underpass for U. S. 66 near Grants, N. M., under the Santa Fe Railroad was completed this past summer by L. R. Allison of Albuquerque, N. M. The work was financed entirely by the Federal government with the State of New Mexico furnishing only the engineering service. This was brought about by the fact that it was a Works Program Project and also a Federal Land Highway Project bearing numbers WPGH 74 and FLHP 2C respectively. ly, the latter because it is within the Acoma Indian Reservation.

Acoma Indian Reservation.

The new underpass, replacing an older one which required two right-angle turns for relatively fast moving traffic with both corners blind, has a clear roadway of 24 feet inside of the curbs and 26 feet 2 inches between abutments, a clear height of 15 feet 7% inches and a skew of 50 degrees. To permit the construction of the new underpass at a point on the main track of the Santa Fe it was necessary to con-struct a trestle 500 feet long as a shoofly around the work. This was done by the railroad using creosoted piles, but unfortunately the line of the new wing walls was slightly encroached by the railroad and slight changes in several of the bents were necessary to permit completion of the walls. This shoo-fly carried the double track of the railroad at this point by telescoping them, mak-ing only one switch necessary to care for the old main line eastbound which



C. & E. M. Photo Concreting Plant for Underpass As Seen From the Shoo-Fly Trestle

was used by the contractor as a siding for materials. It was possible to spot one sand and one gravel car on this short siding and by using side-dump cars the materials could be delivered to a platform close to the track. When materials became spread out a Caterpillar Thirty-Five tractor with a La-Plant-Choate bulldozer pushed them up into a pile for easier loading by hand into the Lansing rubber-tired wheelbarrows. There were three of these easily wheeled barrows for stone and two for wheeled barrows for stone and two for

Abutment Forms and Concreting

The two abutments had spread foot-Ine two abutments had spread footings with no piles because of the satisfactory character of the ground at this site, a real hardpan. The footings varied from 4 feet  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches to 14 feet wide and were slightly over 143 feet long. The abutments were 20 feet high from the bottom of the footing to the bridge seat.

The forms were built up of 6-inch shiplap lumber with 2 x 4-inch vertical furring and 4 x 4-inch wales. They were lined with 5-ply wood and the in-

dividual panels of plywood were used as many as seven times before they were discarded. The reinforcing consisted of 1-inch square and ½-inch de-formed round bars and the forms were tied with No. 9 wire ties twisted on the outside with Bagetti twisters.

The labor organization handling the concreting as well as the form work consisted of five carpenters who also handled the steel, five men on the aggregate, one man on cement, one mixer man for the Koehring 2-bag mixer used on the abutment walls and the 1-bag Jaeger used for the footings, four men on the Omaha Trailer & Equipment Co. con-crete buggies, (one man per buggy,) three men puddling and the Superin-tendent.

A heavy falsework of 8 x 8-inch timbers was erected for the steel and used bers was erected for the steel and used first to support the runway for the concrete buggies. For the lower sections of the forms the concrete was chuted a distance of 40 feet while for the upper section it was wheeled and dumped directly into the forms. The largest pour was 120 yards in 11½ hours. A Jaeger 2-inch centrifugal pump provided mixing water from a nearby irrigation ditch on the Acoma Reservation.

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The major quantities were:

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Class B concrete for metal pipe cul-	
vert headwalls 4	cubic yards
24-inch corrugated metal culvert pipe 162	linear feet
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Structural steel	
Membrane waterproofing 297	square yards
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Waterproofing concrete 564	square yards

#### Personnel

This structure was constructed by L. Allison, contractor, of Albuquerque, N. M., with H. C. Jones as Superintendent. For the New Mexico State Highway Department, C. F. Greer was Project Engineer. The cost of the structure complete was \$33,852.47.

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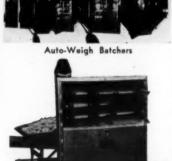


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# Sinking Highway Saved By Piles

Beam Strength of Slab Used Effectively in N. C. to Save Concrete Road Over Marshy Ground

A CONCRETE road built over a log mat on marshy ground between Hertford and Elizabeth City, N.C., set-tled for several feet due to the unstable foundation and the vibration of traffic. After fill had been placed on the pavement and short piles used beneath it without success in checking the sinking, the North Carolina State Highway Department resorted to long piles driven through holes in the pavement and with

well-reinforced caps.

In the low, flat, tide water section of eastern North Carolina the soil near streams and bays is sometimes so marshy that roads built upon it sink from sight. The first installation as a concrete slab resting on piling was on State Route 342. The pavement had sunk as much as 4 feet. Borings were made to determine the nature of the foundation which mine the nature of the foundation which showed a soil profile of: peat, 24 feet; quicksand, 13 feet; soft marl, 3 feet; quicksand, 10 feet; and soft blue marl, 11 feet. To meet this condition, long piling driven to firm bearing was needed. The design adopted is distinctive in that the beam, monolithic with the pavement, extends along the center joint and transverse joints, with a conical cap for the piling. The outside edge has an integral curb.

#### Method of Construction

Method of Construction

After the piles are driven the subgrade is brought to the proper level, coneshaped holes are made around the piling with a metal form as shown. Reinforcement is then put in position. The piling cap is then placed monolithic with the slab. Concrete for a whole panel is placed in a continuous operation and is mixed, spread, and finished as for an ordinary concrete pavement.

The first installation at Hertford Causeway was so successful that a sec-

Causeway was so successful that a second section, recently completed, was designed for a bridge approach in Elizabeth City. The total cost of the 1,128 feet of supported 8-inch 18-foot slab on



Above, Reinforcing with Hole and Piling Underneath. Below, Holes Around Pil-ing Ready for Concrete.

the first job was \$17,630, or \$7.81 per square yard of pavement. The entire project was completed in 67 working days.

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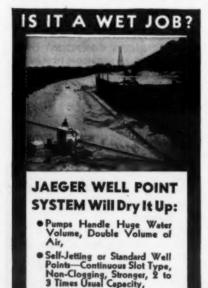
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A tunnel is now being dug under the railroad on the route to the Pyramids in Egypt to eliminate a grade crossing. The cost will be about 40,000 pounds Egyptian and will be completed about January 1, 1937, according to a report from the U. S. Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.





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# Tygart Dam

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ing the materials to the bins at the concrete mixing plant. There are four gates in the tunnel for handling the large aggregate, two each for the smaller aggregate and three for the sand. The track hopper is housed in a galvanized iron shed to protect the materials from the weather and to permit heating in winter.

tracks reserved for aggregate car storage will take care of 158 cars and in addition a 30,000-ton emergency stockpile is maintained to minimize the possibility of shut-down caused by delays in the delivery of aggregates.

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A 30-inch Goodyear belt running on Jeffrey idlers in the aggregate tunnel and measuring 405 feet between pulley centers carries the aggregates out of the tunnel and up an adit a distance of 168 feet to a transfer point. The second belt of the same size and make is on a 15-degree slope and carries the aggregate a distance of 196 feet to the batcher bins. Both of these aggregate belts are driven by 50-hp Westinghouse electric motors. The conveyors are covered for the entire distance after leaving the tunnel adit with semi-circular corrugated iron covers to prevent material bouncing from the belt and for protection from the weather. The aggregate conveyors have a capacity of 550 tons per hour at a speed of 450 fpm.

One man in the aggregate tunnel operates the gates under the various aggregate hoppers in response to buzz and light signals from the man at the top of the batcher bins. On top of the bins the conveyor delivers to a swivel chute by means of which the various aggregates are delivered to the proper section of the Johnson Octobin. There are four aggregate bins around a square cement bin of 750 barrels capacity. The aggregate bins have capacities of 303 tons for and, 296 tons for 1-inch stone, 279 tons for 2-inch stone and 267 for 4-inch stone, and occupy 38 feet of the height of the 70-foot central mixing plant structure. The batching equipment requires 8 feet 7 inches, the delivery chute and mixers 20 feet 6½ inches and the concrete hopper and conveyor boot about 11 feet, most of which is below the ground level.

#### Cement Delivery

Cement for this project is furnished by the Government from the manufacturers of three cements, Alpha, Bessemer and Medusa. It is all delivered in special bulk cement freight cars equipped with four gates for unloading through



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canvas chutes to twin cement conveyor tanks installed under the tracks. There are two cement unloading installations furnished by E. Gwynn Robinson of New York City, each capable of handling one car of cement. The Robinson air activated cement conveyors are used for delivering the cement from the cars to the two 3,000-barrel cement silos. Either of the cement conveyors is arranged to unload cement direct to the mixer plant cement bin or to its own silo. The specifications permit storage of the cement in the silos for not more than 90 days so it is necessary to move the cement from the silos to the mixer plant bin at reasonable periods. This is done by means of canvas chutes from the conical bottom of the silo delivering the cement back to the Robinson conveyor tanks which are installed directly underneath the silos. An air pressure of 40 pounds is used for the operation of the cement conveyor system.

The compressor installation which

The compressor installation which furnishes air for the cement conveyor and for all other uses on the job is quite



C. & E. M. Photo Train of Concrete Buckets Showing the "Ears" Which Speed Up Spotting the Buckets on the Cars

complete and makes use of three different types of power; steam, electricity and diesel engines. A battery of nine boilers with a total capacity of 1,100 bhp also furnishes steam for heating and curing concrete in winter and for the operation of duplex steam pumps and

siphons. Coal is very cheap in the vicinity of Grafton so the production of steam at 85 pounds pressure for the services mentioned and for the operation of five Ingersoll-Rand FR1 steam compressors of 300-cfm capacity each is a measure of economy. This compressor house is located at track level adjacent to the yard.

to the yard.

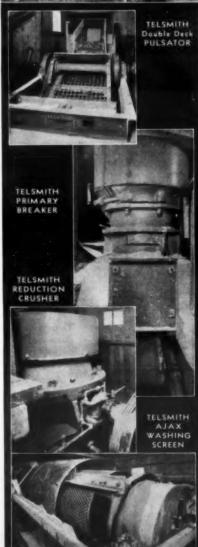
Two other compressor houses are located at higher elevations as the power used permits that location. One I-R Imperial Type 10 compressor with a capacity of 1,050 cfm is driven by a General Electric 150-hp synchronous motor. Adjacent to this and virtually under the same roof is a battery of diesel-driven compressors. There are three 600-cfm Type POV2 and two 350-cfm Type POC units, driven by I-R diesels. Air is uniformly delivered to the mains at 100 pounds pressure.

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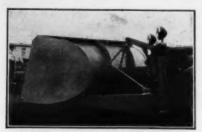
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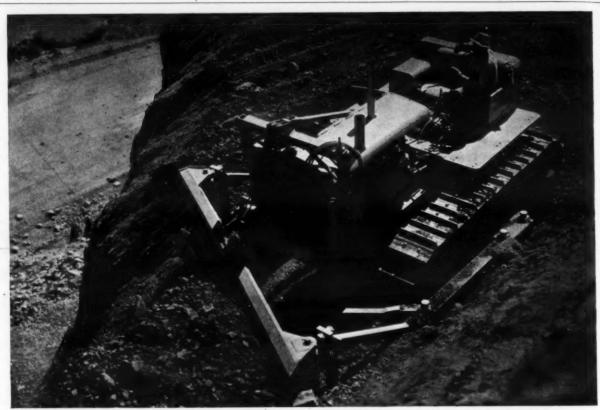
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#### Wood Hoists and Bodies Shipped to South Africa

Sixty Gar Wood hydraulic hoist and Sixty Gar Wood hydraulic hoist and steel dump body assemblies have recently been shipped to South Africa by Gar Wood Industries, Detroit, Mich., for use by the South African Government. Arrangements for the shipment was made by Walter Coxon, Director of Cape Motors, Ltd., Cape Town, South Africa, when he visited the Gar Wood plant on his return journey to South plant on his return journey to South

Africa from England. Cape Motors, Ltd., is one of the largest distributing and selling organizations in Africa.

#### Copies of Recommendation R4-36 on Asphalt Available

The Division of Simplified Practice of the National Bureau of Standards has announced that Simplified Practice Recommendation R4-36, Asphalt, is now available in printed form. This Recommendation, which originally became effective January 1, 1924, covers penetra-tion limits of asphalt for sheet asphalt, asphaltic concrete, construction of asphalt macadam pavement; surface treatment; joint filler, and the preparation of joint filler for various types of construction. The revision covers certain changes in the penetration limits to meet current needs and changes in construction practice.

Copies may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.,

for five cents each.

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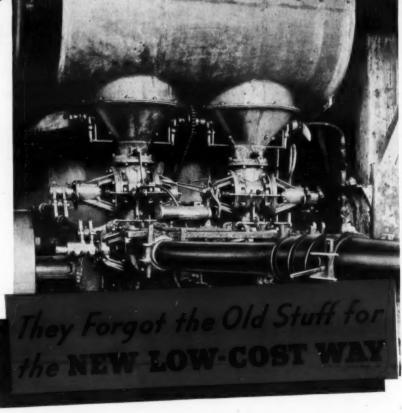
Francis M. Higgins, market research analyst for the Four Wheel Drive Auto analyst for the Four Wheel Drive Auto Co., Clintonville, Wis., has been appointed manager of advertising to succeed W. M. Hanson, resigned. Higgins, who has been with the company since 1926, has filled various capacities in the sales and advertising departments. He is the author of a digest of road laws and highway truck regulations published by his company in 1934, which won national recognition. won national recognition.

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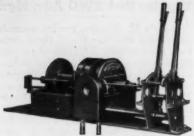


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levers banked on the left side of the truck has been announced by the Ramsey Machinery Co., 1626 N. W. Thurman St., Portland, Ore.

This Ramsey all-steel power hoist is compact and meets the requirements of mobile service for contractors. The clutch requires very little pressure on the operating lever and the unit will transmit its rated single line capacity of 4.000 pounds with the drum full of 4,000 pounds with the drum full of cable. The gears are fully enclosed in a grease tight housing and double brakes are available. It is operated through a power take-off from the truck

#### Small Centrifugal Pumps Announced by Worthington

Utilizing a pressed steel frame com-bined with quantity production and sim-plicity of design has resulted in a new small low-cost centrifugal pump an-nounced by Worthington Pump & Ma-chinery Corp., Harrison, N.J. This low-cost unit has fewer wearing parts and low maintenance costs. The pumps are furnished with direct motor drives or with pulleys for belt drive. The motor sizes range from 1/3 to 3 hp, delivering from 10 to 130 gallons per minute with heads from 10 to 100 feet.

The shaft is supported by two ball bearings enclosed in a dirt-proof and moisture-proof housing. The suction head is easily removable for inspection of the pump's interior. A choice of standard, all-iron, and all-bronze fittings is offered. Bulletin W-310-B5 shows cross-sectional views and details of contraction. struction.

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With this slide rule one may determine the maximum grade over which twelve combinations of tractor and haultwelve combinations of tractor and hauling unit will travel, together with the highest gear it is possible to use. It also tells how long a tractor will take to travel in definite distances under fixed gear combinations as well as fixed times for certain Carryall operations such as loading, dumping and turning.

#### A. I. S. C. Convention

The American Institute of Steel Construction, New York City, will hold its Fourteenth Annual Convention at The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, W.

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# New York Sewer Built Speedily in Open Cut

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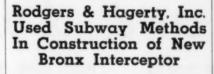
NEW YORK is probably the champion municipal subway builder of the world with 162 linear miles of subway used by street cars, elevated trains and conventional subway trains. Spe-cial types of construction suited to the varied soils and rock of the city have been developed for both open cut and tunnel operations. These methods have naturally been transferred to other similar types of construction. When Rodgers & Hagerty, Inc., started on Contract 12 of the Bronx Intercepting Sewer near the Bronx Terminal Market, it was decided to use open cut for the 10-foot by 7-foot 6-inch sewer in soft ground, and typical subway excavation methods were used. The contractor worked two were used. 5-hour shifts.

Work was started March 30, 1936, ripping up the asphalt and cobble pavement with Ingersoll-Rand pavement breakers supplied with air by two 310-cfm I-R portable compressors. Then small exploratory holes 2 feet square were dug to uncover subsurface struc-tures such as gas and water lines and

electric cables.

Along the stretch near the Bronx Terminal Market where the excavation was about 12 feet wide, 12 x 10-inch, 50-pound H-beams 50 feet long were driven as soldiers by a Marion 32 steam crane converted into a pile driver, using a No. 2 Vulcan steam hammer. The Marion steam crane carried 60-foot steel leads swung from the end of the boom. leads swung from the end of the boom. The boom pin was taken out and replaced with a longer pin to support the

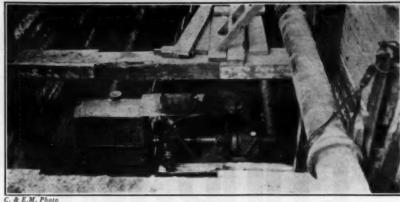
The contractor built a new rolling pile driver to drive wooden piles for the foundation for the sewer in soft ground. This machine moved along the top of the trench on steel rollers and has 40-foot wooden leads in which run 40-foot telescopic steel inner leads which slide through the head as well as the foot of the wooden leads, thus making it possible to drive 70-foot piles and follow them down 35 feet below street level. The steel section of the extension lead was built on the job, using a Westinghouse electric welder, and was construct-



ed with an 8-inch channel running on the 6-inch channels of the main leader, the 8-inch channels being crossbraced with 4-inch channels and with 2 x 2 x

1/4 angles.

The contractor had 4,000 feet of open cut in this section and maintained about 400 feet actually open at a time for excavation and pouring the sewer. Excavation was handled with Williams and Owen 114-yard clamshell buckets and Lima 101 gas-engine-powered cranes.



A Wellpoint Pump Installation on Contract 12

The soldiers were driven on 10-foot centers and 12 feet face to face across the trench. A 20-inch high-pressure water pipe below the surface caused some trouble at one point and was carried on the 12 x 12-inch braces which rest on angles welded to the soldiers. rest on angles welded to the soldiers. The excavation was in blue clay for the

first 12 feet, and then underlying coarse and with a strata of clay of varying sand with a strata of clay of depth that was mean to handle.

As the trench was excavated, 3 x 12-inch horizontal sheeting was placed behind the outer flange of the H-beam down to the wellpoint header located at

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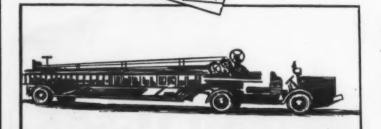
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ONE of the most interesting and important aspects of the construction and maintenance of a county highway system is the county shop, equipped with necessary tools and supplies, says R. D. Hampton, County Highway Commissioner of Fillmore County, Nebraska. In fact, according to Mr. Hampton, the in race, according to Mr. Hampton, the first thing a county should do is to get out of the old hap-hazard way of doing things, get on a business basis and stand on its own feet.

on its own feet.

"I can look back over the past fifteen years," said Mr. Hampton, "and remember the time when we did not have a monkey wrench to work with. We had an old tin shed for a shop and when we wanted to get a grader blade sharpened, it was taken to the local blacksmith, who hammered it out and charged \$1.00 a foot, because 'the County was paying for it.' This was true not only of the blacksmith but almost everyone else blacksmith but almost everyone else took a crack at the County in the same way. It has always appeared to me as a 'racket' and I take a great deal of pride in having an organization which has grown away from those ideas."

#### Modern Up-To-Date Shop

Today Fillmore County has a county Today Fillmore County has a county shop of brick construction, 50 x 80 feet, and an annex 24 x 100 feet, furnace-heated and well-lighted. It is equipped with a heavy-duty trip hammer, welding outfit, large motor-driven draft forge, lathe, power hack saw, grinders, drills and tools. There is also a storeroom carrying a \$4,500 stock of parts and supplies. The county purchases its steel in car load lots and also its gasoline and oil.

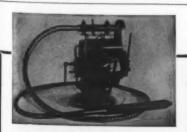
oil.

Here the county employees overhaul and rebuild all of their own equipment. During the past five years they have purchased one piece of new equipment and used tractors, trucks and other units and rebuilt them in their own shop. This is an example of the asset which a wall-equipment shop and an organization well-equipped shop and an organization that functions can be to a county highway department.

#### Scope of County Work

Fillmore County Highway Department builds all its own roads, of which there are 1,164 miles. Of this 290 miles are paved or graveled, making one mile out of four an all-weather road. This department also fabricates its own steel and constructs its own beidges and constructs. and constructs its own bridges and concrete structures.

During the past three years, in spite of short crops in that section, the department has been operating full time and



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The Fillmore County, Nebr., Highway Shop, Showing at the Left the Steel Racks and Rolling Tables Where the County Fabricates Its Own Steel Bridges

has graded and graveled 83 miles of county highways in the last two seasons. During 1935 they built 32 steel bridges and concrete culverts.

and concrete culverts.

The county employees work all of the year and include mechanics, patrolmen, grader men, engine men, truck drivers and others. Many of the men have been with the department over 10 years and every man takes pride in the organization. Though they have had to take re-

ductions in wages, along with everyone else, during the past few years, their attitude on that point is illustrated by one of them who remarked cheerfully "Well, we and our families are still eating three meals a day.

#### Financial Status

There are no warrants out on any of the Fillmore County funds and there is a surplus in each fund. They also have

the lowest tax levy of any county in the State of Nebraska. That the work of the county highway organization can be carried on within the financial limitations set forth is attributed by Mr. Hampton to the fact that his department is organized on a business basis and that his modern well-equipped county shop makes it possible to keep their equip-ment operating efficiently and economi-



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### Jersey Highway **Paved Speedily**

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Various methods were considered for exproving the sheet metal strip for weatherproofing the longitudinal joint to the inside of the form adjacent to the second strip. This problem was finally solved by drilling the form for wires which when inserted around the strip which when inserted around the strip and twisted on the outside held the strip tight against the form. Drilling was done with two ¾-inch Black & Decker electric drills operated by the portable Master generator which later furnished power for vibrating the concrete against the forms and at the expansion joints.

As soon as the forms were lined up, the first fine grade crew of four men and a foreman came through with a steel strike-off subgrader pulled by the 5-ton Fordson roller, cutting the grade to a true flat surface. This subgrader is the product of the mind and skilled workmanship of Walter D. Olsen, one of the manship of Walter D. Olsen, one of the contractor's concrete superintendents and was first used on a state highway project on U. S. 303 in Blauvelt, N.Y. (See C&EM for July, 1933). Levers control the depth of cut of the blade so that if the going is hard, thin slices of material can be removed until finally the true grade is reached. This first fine grade crew checked its work with a gradeboard. The grader and roller oper-

gradeboard. The grader and roller operator was one of the first fine grade crew.

The second fine grade crew consisting of two men followed up immediately with a hand pulled strike-off and then leveled off all loose material with a hand drawn lawn roller for final checking of

drawn lawn roller for final checking of the grade with their gradeboard.

The dual drum paver was operated on the shoulder and all expansion joints were set well ahead of the paver. Two men made up the crew setting the trans-verse joints 56 feet 3 inches apart and two other men set the metal strips for the premoulded longitudinal center joint which was set by the second paving crew.

The reinforcing mats set 2 inches below the top of the forms were fabricated with Truscon reinforcing bars by subcontractor M. C. Smolensky of Hilside, N.J., who has specialized in this type of work for many years. The reside, N.J., who has specialized in this type of work for many years. The reinforcing bars were spotted along the shoulder and then assembled in a wooden frame and quickly tied with wire clips and strung along the shoulder close to the grade to minimize the time element in placing them after the concrete had been struck off to receive them.

Three men on the skip, with the leader spotting and dumping the batch trucks, emptied the eight bags of cement which arrived right side up with each batch. This is another novel scheme developed by Olsen and first used by S. J. Groves & Sons on an 8-mile contract between Weymouth and the Gloucester County,



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N.J. line in 1931. (See C&EM for February, 1932). The cement bags are placed upside down at the back of each batch compartment in the batch trebas and when the batch is tripped, the bags come cent right side are part to the second se come out right side up at the edge of the skip ready to be cut and emptied. The cement bags for each batch were packed inside of one of the sacks and packed inside of one or the sacas and hauled back to the batching plant by a service truck.

The dual drum paver, which is in reality one double sized 27E drum divided with a vertical partition in the center, gives each batch a 1-minute mix in each section permitting a continuous procession of batches through the paver. The machine averages 45 batches per hour and a maximum of 50 which is "tops" for putting batches through a "tops" for putting batches through a single machine and insuring a 2-minute mix for every batch before delivery to the road.

The mixed batches with a minimum of water were spread by three men and then a converted Ord finisher was used as a strike-off to level the concrete 2 inches

below the top of the forms. Then two of the pit men brought in the rein-forcing mats while the third used the Master electric vibrator along the edge of the forms instead of spading to eliminate honeycomb. This vibrator was driven by a gas engine and was normally carried on the Ord finishing machine with sufficient lengths of cable to the vibrator to handle the concrete between

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# Pair of Pavers Push 12-Mile Job

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the paver and the finishing machine at all times. For quick portability the vi-brator power unit was mounted on a pair of pipe handle bars terminating in a rubber-tired wheel so that when it

was taken from the finisher, it could be quickly moved to any point desired.

A crew of four men handled the finishing. These included the master finishing. Inese included the master fin-isher, two helpers and a joint cutter. After hand floating, the surface was checked with a 10-foot Cleveland alumi-num straight-edge, any low spots brought up and high spots worked down, the surface rechecked and then dragged with burlap and basswood broom to fur-nish a non-skid surface. A rubber-tired wheelbarrow was maintained just be-hind the paver to carry back concrete The pneumatic tire rolled much more easily over the shoulder than the usual steel wheel.

Immediately after the surface water had disappeared, one man with an auto-mobile which pulled an Aeroil spraying rig, covered the surface with a thin coating of Curcrete for curing, doing away with straw, earth cover or ponding. The edges of the slab were not sprayed but were banked with earth.

One man with a Ford V-8 truck and a helper removed and hauled the forms ahead for both pavers. The twisted wires which held the strips for the longitudinal joint material were easily and quickly cut with one swing of the sharp end of a pick, releasing the form after the pins had been pulled.

#### The 27E Crew

The Ransome 27E paver crew was about the same as that working ahead of and behind the dual drum paver except that there were about six less men in the crew. This difference was due to the fact that only one line of forms had to be set and progress was

The State Highway Department drill-ing crew cored the pavement twelve days after pouring to determine the accuracy contractor's work and to test the strength of the concrete.

#### Dug Well and Brook Furnish Water

The contractor dug a well by the side of the road with a clamshell bucket about 3 miles south of the north end of the job. The well was about 25 feet in



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that section. A Barnes triplex pump delivered to the 2-inch pipe which was laid in 20-foot lengths along the shoulder with valves 300 to 350 feet apart. Each paver carried 300 feet of Goodall paver hose. A brook one mile east of paver hose. A brook one mile east of the north end of the job furnished addi-tional water supply by means of a C.H.&E. triplex pump delivering to the pipe line. The Batching Plant

diameter and furnished ample water for

A Blaw-Knox 100-ton batching plant was set up 8 miles from the north end of the job on a siding near the New Lisbon station on the Trenton Division the Pennsylvania Railroad. The of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The double siding had room for six cement cars and about twelve aggregate cars. Both sand and gravel were delivered in gondola cars and handled either to stockpiles or to the bins of the batching plant by the two Link-Belt cranes with 1½-yard Blaw-Knox and Hayward clamshell buckets. Two men cleaned up the shell buckets. Two men cleaned up the cars, moving the scattered material so that it could be easily removed by the



Vibrating Along the Forms

clamshell. An average of 18 cars a day of aggregate and cement were handled at this set-up, producing 588 batches in the best 8-hour day. Stone was furnished by the Warner Co. of

Penn Manor, N.J. and sand by Norcross Bros., Pemberton, N.J. National cement was used.

One man ran the batcher plant turnone man ran the batcher plant unring out the batches so rapidly that there was no delay as the parade of batch trucks arrived one after another at the plant. This new Blaw-Knox batching plant is equipped with a light which burns only when the beam is balanced. This not only serves to halp the batch. This not only serves to help the batch man to balance the beam quickly but also makes it easy for the state inspector to check the batches from his shack im-mediately opposite the batchman's plat-form. The average batches consisted of 1,132 pounds of sand, 1,452 pounds of 1½-inch gravel and 1,462 pounds of 34-inch gravel with eight bags of ce-

The contractor kept two cars of cement open at a time with four men in each car unloading the eight bags to each compartment of the 2-batch trucks. With the job about one-third completed from the north end, giving a haul of 12

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#### Traveling Service Truck

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#### New Continuous Dual Arc Control Welders

A new line of single operator arc welders, to be known as the Shield Arc SAE and which will supersede the present type of Shield Arc welders which have been on the market for the past six years, has been announced by the Lincoln Electric Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

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The main feature of this new line of welders is a new method of arc control which makes possible the adjustment of both arc heat and arc penetration in a continuous sequence of fine increments. It is claimed that this continuous dual control assures uniformity of performance at every control setting and adds to successful operation of arc welding.

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The new Shield Arc SAE welder re-

tains all of the other design points of the former Shield Arc models, such as independent excitation, laminated magnetic circuit, all-purpose meter, polarity reversing switch, no voltage motor pro-tection. The base and portable parts have been redesigned for a more streamline effect and shorter wheel base. These welders are available in the following westers are available in the following types and ratings: A-C motor driven, in 200, 300, 400 and 600 amperes; D-C motor driven, 300, 400 and 600 amperes; generator for belt or couple service, 200, 300, 400 and 600 amperes; and engine driven, 200, 300, 400 amperes.

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#### One-Unit Rock Crusher

The new Eagle one-unit rock crusher, The new Eagle one-unit rock crusher, recently announced by the Eagle Crusher Co., Galion, Ohio is designed for service as a heavy-duty roadside crushing unit. The crusher, with a 35-hp motor and heavy transmission, is built into one complete unit, having two speeds forward and one reverse. It may be equipped with either steel wheels or pneumatic tires and weighs approximately 12,000 pounds. It may also be

Obtained with a loading elevator.

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#### A New Design of Chain For Dragline Buckets

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sive wear comes; lighter weight; tie bar across the link to prevent snarling and kinking; equalized metal sections to in-sure perfect heat-treatment in manufacture and consequent better physical properties; clean lines making for clean castings; and the strength, toughness and wear resistance which are characteristic of the heat-treated austenitic manga-nese steel of which they are made.

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# Divers' Work At Bonneville

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When they are sunk it is found that here and there a boulder or part of a reef, that did not appear on the chart of the bottom, projects upward. It is then up to the diver to go down and drill and blast out this rock.

The drilling is sometimes done with a portable pneumatic drill which he takes down with him, and sometimes it is done by means of a long drill rod operated from above. In the latter case, he merely guides the drill. Finally, he loads the hole with anywhere from one to ten sticks of dynamite. This is all done in water up to 60 feet in depth and considerable current, and with the crib already down there and awaiting only the removal of the obstruction to settle into place.

After the cribs are placed and before the steel piling is driven, frequent inspections are necessary to see that everything is all right and there have been no movements. Last winter, the divers were called upon to do this when there was such a thick covering of ice on the river that it had to be broken by dropping heavy weights upon it. The divers went down through holes in the ice, a cold and cheerless task. Similarly, in the case of sheet piling, it is necessary to go down and locate any openings that may be present which will let water through when the cofferdam is unwatered.

On another occasion a diver went down inside a V-shaped bulge in the steel piling. This bulge is an expansion joint on the pressure side of the cofferdam and is somewhat larger than the regulation expansion joints located at regular intervals. The reason is that at this point and about 13 feet down there was a 2-inch anchor cable, used in sinking the crib and attached to it, which had fouled off in the bottom of the river. This would interfere with the driving of the apex pile in this group and the only thing to do was to go down and cut it off.

One of the photographs shows what appears to be a football huddle being held on the divers' barge. In the foreground is the foreman of a pile driving crew ready to put down on paper what Diver Vance found on a sojourn below. They were driving square timber piles against the crib at this point. The bottom was full of obstructions at this location and many of the piles refused to penetrate. The diver had to go down, then, locate the point of the pile and if possible arrange for the removal of the obstruction. Or else he might have the suggestion to make that the wood pile be shod with a metal point of a certain shape, if that would help. He remembers all the particulars of the location, and when he comes up the plan of how to overcome the difficulty is sketched on paper for the foreman's guidance.

guidance.

Here is another example of how the divers "earn their keep." A solid row of 107 interlocking steel piles had been bent over by the flood and could not be brought back into position or pulled. The divers went down and with the submarine torch cut them all off at the mud line. The piles could then be removed and salvaged. The contractor could either weld the cut-off pieces together into full lengths, or, if he had been so disposed, he could have sold them in the second-hand market for \$2.50 per linear foot.

For a long time, water has been going through the generator openings in the power house. A large number of these openings will not be used at first until the full generator equipment is required. So concrete stoplogs, accurately fitted, are being cast to fill the openings. As the time comes for installing them, the

guides are found to be more or less filled with mud and debris, so it is necessary for the divers to go down and clean them out so that the stoplogs will seat accurately. In the case of the third step cofferdam, which is, so to speak, clamped on between pairs of piers of the spillway, so as to close them off and permit the space between to be dewatered in order to pour the concrete for the apron up to the final level, the divers must go down and fit the pins which hold the third step cofferdam in place.

#### Lost and Found

To the individual mind, tuned to the individual pocketbook, it would seem like a calamity to drop a piece of equipment costing many thousands of dollars into the river. But on a contract job

such as this, involving forty or fifty million dollars, a little thing like that does not cause even a flurry. Every once in a while a bulldozer or a steam shovel or a truck goes in.

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At the present time a large whirler crane reposes in the bottom of the north side cofferdam so completely covered with mud that it was impossible for the diver to get a line on it, so it will stay there until unwatering and excavation bring it to light.

In most cases, however, a shovel overboard is just another job for the diver, to go down and locate this lost equipment and assist in the rigging of tackle that will lift it out. There are plenty of rigs about that will do it, cranes, shearlegs on barges, the mammoth walking dragline on shore, and over all the twin

cableway. They can pull out anything they can get a line on. But without the diver it might be a long and difficult task to get that line rigged and the equipment safely above water once more.

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#### A Correction

In the article on the Argentine federal highway construction program which appeared in the September issue of Contractors and Engineers Monthly, the fund allocated for this work should have been given as 300,000,000 pesos, instead of 300,000,000,000 as erroneously stated.

In Colorado, a road-mix job 20 feet wide costs \$1,200 a mile per inch of thickness.



# FIRST .. 6 OIL TRACTORS ... THEN THE FOR GILLIOZ

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#### New Rules and Regulations Of Calif. License Board

The Contractors' State License Board The Contractors' State License Board of California has adopted new rules and regulations as amended to conform with the recommendations of the Attorney General, and has ordered the Registrar of the Contractors' License Bureau impediately to place its operations under mediately to place its operations under the new regulations, which call for the use of an application form requiring more information about the applicants' past experience in the construction busi-It also requires the securing of seven sponsors by every individual, and four by each member of a co-partnership or officer of a corporation. The new ap-plication will further require that appli-

cants for licenses under fictitious names must first register in accordance with the Civil Code of the State.

#### Highways and Finance In Minnesota in 1932

A cooperative research study by the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads and the Minnesota State Highway Department, entitled "Highways and Public Finance in Minnesota in 1932," and prepared by H. R. Briggs and A. W. Barrelt of the Economic Research Force of the Bureau for the Bureau thanks. of Public Roads headquarters at Madi-son has recently been published. This study comprises extensive inves-

tigations into revenues and expenditures on state, county and township highways as well as government, public benefit and education, including debt and debt service. There is also included a study of the use and travel upon all highways and its origin. The year 1932 was seand its origin. The year 1932 was selected as representative of normal relationship between state and local government, as these relationships at that had not been affected by Federal

The Bureau of Public Roads is now engaged in a state-wide highway planning survey in cooperation with the ning survey in cooperation with the Minnesota Highway Department to-gether with forty other states to bring this information up to date, in order to project, with the aid of this information, a 10 and 20-year highway planning program on all classes of highways, including the Federal-Aid system.

# Oil-Aggregate Mix For Low-Cost Roads

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vision, using the surface area factor. The per cent of 200-mesh material is usually required to be between 7 and 8

per cent.

The amount of moisture in the aggregate was at first required to be below 2 per cent but since experience has shown that better results are obtained by keeping the moisture below 1 per cent, the specifications have been so changed. changed.

After the mix has been determined, the plant inspector makes frequent analysis of the aggregate and checks the results by several extractions each day during operations.

#### Road-Mix Method

On one small project built by the road-mix method during the past year, the difficulties inherent with this method under favorable weather conditions were clearly evident. With the amount of fines and low moisture content required by the specifications, frequent rains caused delays and considerable extra expense. It was necessary to dry aggregates on the road by harrowing and blading and when it rained just after the oil was applied, considerable extra manipulation was necessary to remove the moisture from the mixture.

Mixing and spreading by the blade method requires first class equipment and experienced operators. Under the labor regulations in force on Federal-financed work, it is sometimes difficult to obtain the results desired. For this and other reasons, the Michigan State Highway Department favors the stationary-plant mix method of construction with mechanically-controlled spreading.

#### Stationary-Plant Mix Method

This method, somewhat higher in first cost, results in a more uniform mixture due to the facilities for proportioning aggregate, control of moisture content and amount of oil. The essential parts of a plant are a drier capable of reduc-ing the moisture content of the aggreing the moisture content of the aggregate to below 1 per cent with a temperature of less than 250 degrees at the time of mixing, a screen and bins to divide the aggregate into fine and coarse sizes, a weigh box to weigh accurately each size of aggregate and the filler, bucket and scale to give close control of the amount of oil, and a twin pug-mill mixer. mixer.

On the three projects of this type built during 1935, standard hot-mix asphalt plants were used because the contractors had them available. These plants were equipped with internal oilfired driers, two screens and bins, weighing apparatus for aggregates, dust and oil, and twin pug mixers.

#### Plant Equipment

Since the oil-aggregate type of surface is designed to meet the demand for a low-cost road, portability and sim-plicity of the manufacturing plant, con-sistent with reasonably uniform mixture results, and the use of available aggre-gates, are important considerations. Plants that can be transported in units on trailers over the highways to aggre-gate deposits, away from railroads, are desirable. Some such plants are now on the market and others are in process of design.

The design of driers used on hot-mix

plants is not entirely suitable for oil aggregate construction. For hot mixes, aggregate construction. For not mixes, aggregates must be thoroughly dried and heated to a temperature of about 375 degrees F. but in oil-aggregate construction, the aggregates as a rule need only be surface dry and a moisture content up to 1 per cent will not present tent up to 1 per cent will not prevent good results. Drier design, making (Continued on page 24)



# Paper on Special Cements For Mass Concrete

An exhaustive technical report on "Special Cements for Mass Concrete" by J. L. Savage, Chief Designing Engineer of the Bureau of Reclamation, has just been issued by the Bureau. This report is a summary of all the available information and experience in this country on the subject, putting in concise form knowledge gained from the con-

struction of Boulder Dam and the experiments which preceded this construction and that of Grand Coulee Dam. These investigations have reduced to a minimum the shringage stresses and virtually have eliminated cracking of large concrete masses. They have also minimized the effect on concrete of the disintegrating elements.

The report, which contains 230 pages and 78 figures and formulae, was printed by the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior, Washington,

D. C., as its contribution to the Second Congress of the International Commission on Large Dams which met with the World Power Conference in Washington. Copies are available at 75 cents each at the offices of the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation in Denver, Colo., and Washington, D. C.

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# Fighting Snow Storms With Well-Laid Plans

PREPARING for snow storms means PREPARING for snow storms means planning a service on which life and comfort may depend, and by which practically all human activities are affected. Preparations must be predicated on an initimate knowledge of the problems of your community and plans made to pro-vide service within the reasonable limits

of time and safety.

The greatest possible service in snow removal where funds are limited, and this is the situation faced by most counthis is the situation faced by most county highway organizations today, involves an accurate knowledge of the county and its economic and human needs. Whether you make a survey consciously or otherwise, knowledge of the type known as an economic survey. the type known as an economic survey, as well as the physical characteristics of your county, is essential. This information will disclose for direct use the roads on which full-time service must be provided, the roads on which service must be provided at certain times, which roads can be given attention as it is pos-sible and which roads need not be in-

sible and which roads need not be in-cluded in a snow removal program. With this knowledge, an operating layout can be mapped out. We have found it useful to plan the plow pro-gram in definitely established plow runs, with each plow planned for. First must be planned the maintenance of continuous traffic during a storm on the most heavily traveled or most economically important roads, and next the opening up of the less important roads in the territory, thus utilizing the personnel and equipment on work in its successive order of importance.

#### Selection of Equipment

Having gained a knowledge of the requirements of your snow removal work, the next step is the selection of equipment.

There is, in my belief, no one type of equipment which is universally applica-ble or which will handle economically all the situations in a given community. Fighting snow storms within the time limits required for adequate public service necessitates fast moving equipment, such as the truck-type displacement plows. The selection of the truck and plow types is dependent on the physical character of the plow runs. Weight and power of truck, type of truck drive, and type of plow as to speed or heavy duty, are matters which should be considered

in planning to meet a given situation. In our territory, service throughout the winter requires that truck plowing

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be supplemented with rotary plows or tractors powerful enough to maintain plowed widths on our roads which will permit truck plowing during the late winter storms. Economical operation also requires that we have some light fast truck equipment to clean up after the light storms and behind the tractors.

#### Training the Personnel

Probably the most difficult part of preparing a snow fighting schedule is

the training of a personnel to handle the the training of a personnel to handle the equipment. I consider it essential to have a minimum of three good operators who have an intimate knowledge of each plow run. In addition, each operator should have a fair knowledge of one or two other runs to which he may be assigned as relief. Properly selected and trained helpers are also needed.

To put an inexperienced driver on a snow plow, or even an experienced op-erator on a strange road under the conditions existing in a severe snow storm is very hazardous and often results in expenses for repairs and damages. Fighting a big snow storm is severe on operators and equipment, and prelimi-nary knowledge and experience are es-

#### Snow Fence

Snow fence protection is a very important part of preparing for snow storms. Thus far we have been unable to erect all the snow fence necessary to take care of the 674 miles of road for which we are responsible. We have at present 57 miles of snow fence, most

of which is placed to assist in giving full-time service on those roads where full-time service is essential. A small part of our fencing is also used to avoid

part of our fencing is also used to avoid plowing where high-type road service is not required and where the erection of fences will usually eliminate several plow movements during the winter.

The position and type of snow fence used are of course determined by experience with the particular locality. Properly utilized, it will do away with much heavy equipment movement.

#### Arrangement of Other Details

One arrangement very necessary for the snow season is for advance notice of impending storms. In some cases, the state highway departments do this. It is usually possible, however, to arrange with your nearest weather bureau to wire or telephone notice of unusal

impending weather conditions.

The movement of school children to central schools introduces a serious winter hazard which can be helped by

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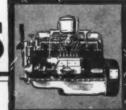
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greater use of the principle of evaporation and consequent drying and cooling with a large volume of air, would no doubt produce greater efficiency and economy.

The mixing unit, found by general experience to be necessary for good results with oil mixture containing a results with oil mixture containing a large amount of fine material, is a pug mill mixer. Continuous pug mixer units with metered oil pumps have been in use, mostly in the traveling-plant method. Such units have large capacity for the size of the plant and are readily portable. If they are designed to insure an accurate and consistent mixture, they should be a very economical unit

they should be a very economical unit used as a stationary plant.

The various units of the plant should of course be coordinated with each other and with the capacity of the spreading equipment and aggregate production unit. Generally 40 to 60 tons of mixture an hour has been found a satisfactory and economical capacity.

#### Spreading and Rolling

On all the plant-mix projects laid during 1935 Adnun mechanical spreaders were used. The best results were obtained by spreading the oil aggregate mixture in two or more layers to provide a good riding surface.

There are a number of other types of mechanical spreaders, similar in ac-tion, which have been used to advantage in this type of work throughout the country.

During warm weather, rolling with an 8-ton tandem roller is deferred until late in the afternoon or until the next day, but when the weather is cool, rolling follows immediately after the spreader. Straight rolling, once over, has been found to be the best practice, as excessive rolling while the mixture is warm or fresh caused checking and shoving. In the summer, a second or third rolling on succeeding days was found beneficial.

Light traffic is allowed to pass over the freshly laid material to assist in compaction. During warm weather, traffic marks the surface for several days traffic marks the surface for several days but light blading or dragging with a maintainer and additional rolling keep the surface in good condition until the light crust is formed on the surface. During cool weather, light traffic marks the surface only slightly and irons out the marks in a short time.

Scarifying and Reshaping

Several experiments in scarifying and reshaping have been made. One of these was carried on during the latter part of October when the temperature was around 60 degrees F. on a stretch of surface which had been laid and under traffie for a month. A special device made of railroad spikes set 2 inches apart was attached to the front blades of a maintainer to break up the mixture which was unusually stiff because of the

coolness of the air. This was followed by a large grader with a scarifier attachment pulled by a tractor.

On part of this stretch new mixture was fed through the maintainer at the rate of about 50 tons to the mile to blend with the old. Rolling followed

reshaping.
This experiment demonstrated the fact that even though there was probably some loss of volatiles at the comparatively high temperature of mixing, workability was not sacrificed. It is reasonable to assume that if the mixture could be scarified in the cool fall temperature, it should be more readily worked in the hot weather of next

#### Conclusion

A material which will provide a smooth, dustless, non-skid riding surface and yet lend itself to reworking is adaptable to many of our road problems. Since the mileage of roads demanding improvement is increasing and

the funds available are tending to de crease, engineers must give considera-tion to low-cost types of construction. construction While the road-mix method has produced good results in some locations, we feel that our climate and other conditions warrant the slightly higher first cost but more uniform results obtained with the plant-mix method of oil-aggre gate construction.

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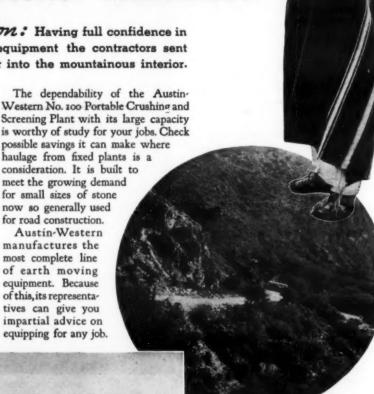
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tandem axles and both trailer and truck were equipped with Goodrich 32 x 6 10ply Silvertown heavy-duty express tires.

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	A	B	B Special
Cement	1,551	1,269	1,128
Water	718	620	600
Sand	3,200	3,750	2,750
1-inch stone	3,500	2,460	2,400
2-inch stone	3,500	2,400	2,500
4-inch stone		3,000	3,050

These weights are in pounds, all for dry aggregate and for one 3-cubic vard batch.

Beneath the compartments in the Octobin are the four aggregate batchers, two cement batchers which are used alternately, and the water batcher. The dial scales, with the beams below on which are set the electric contacts for the three mixes as well as the electric contacts that indicate by lights on the con-trol table whether the batchers are empty or full, are set to face the con-trol table so that there may be visual checking of the operation at any time. This is scarcely necessary as the electric indicators on the control table tell the tale which is repeated graphically on a recorder to the right of the operator.

To start batching the operator has merely to set the batch selector for the mix desired and then push the fill con-trol button immediately in front of him on the control table. This causes a red light to show in front of the eight malight to show in front of the eight ma-terial batcher indicator positions. When the batcher for each position is full to the correct weight the light changes to-green, and when all lights are green the entire group is dumped into a mixer by throwing the charge lever at the right front of the table. This causes the green lights to flash off immediately as the atchers are not full and when empty the batching starts all over again. It requires but 5 to 6 seconds for the delivery of the batches to the mixer.

When batching is started the pneu-matically-operated gates are opened by matically-operated gates are opened by solenoid control, and when the weight of the aggregates reaches about 50 pounds of the final pre-determined weight the gate starts to shut and the fingers on the aggregate flow are cut in automatically, causing the aggregate to dribble in slowly to prevent overweight. A pair of buttons at the front of the table is used to operate the vibrators on the outer shells of the cement bins to insure ready flow in case of bins to insure ready flow in case of arching.

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The graphic recorder consists of a ribbon of paper traveling at the rate of 3 feet per hour on which the filling of each batcher and the mixing time of each mixer are recorded by an individual pen. Thus the weights as well as the timing of the mixes by the four batch meters are recorded indelibly for future reference. The control table as well as the weighing batchers, the Octobin, and cement silos were furnished by the C. S. Johnson Co. of Champaign, Ill.

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tunnel below who permits the concrete to flow uniformly onto the conveyor belt that carries it forward to the hopper on the trestle. The required flow is indicated by a signal from the man at the trestle hopper so that concrete will not be delivered too rapidly for the placing conditions.

#### Concrete Placing

The first conveyor from the hopper is 36 inches wide and 172 feet long. The belt, furnished by U. S. Rubber Co. running on Jeffrey idlers and driven by a 50-hp Westinghouse motor, carries the concrete up at an angle of 18 degrees to the transfer belt running at right angles to the first and upward at an

angle of 18 degrees and 30 minutes. This belt is 182 feet in length and is driven by a 40-hp Westinghouse motor. This second belt was not required when concreting for the first lift of the dam but is being used for the second and third lifts. The final belt for the second lift, running at right angles to the first transfer belt, is also 36 inches wide and runs at an angle of 19 degrees upward for 182 feet. It is driven by a Westing-house 60-hp motor. The concrete belts concreting for the first lift of the dam are driven at approximately 350 feet per minute with the speed increasing slightly from the first belt on to prevent piling up of material.

The placing of the concrete in the (Continued on next page)



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various blocks of the dam is done from a structural steel trestle built up to three levels as the work progresses. The first level was 60 feet above the river bed and the other two are each 55 feet above the level below. The trestle is located so that the deck will be entirely outside of the dam section at the third lift. The dam itself will reach 60 feet higher than the third lift of the trestle and the concrete placed above the trestle will be placed with the gantry booms. The trestle is 30 feet wide with a walk on the upstream side and has three 36-inch industrial railway tracks in addition to the 30-foot gage gantry tracks.

The equipment operating from the trestle includes three Lambert-National whirlers mounted on the 30-foot gantries and having 95-foot booms. They are capable of handling 8½ tons at 90 feet and 30 tons at 42 feet. Five Vulcan 10-ton gasoline locomotives with trains of two Easton 20-ton capacity flat cars with double trucks haul the 3-yard Blaw-Knox roller-gate concrete buckets from the trestle hopper at the end of the concrete conveyor system and the whirlers pick up the buckets and lower them to the block being concreted. The system of two buckets to a two-car train is used with an extra bucket which is being handled by the crane while the trains are shifting. The Easton cars are equipped with four "ears" for each concrete bucket position permitting the rapid spotting of the empty buckets on the cars. These "ears" are steel plates riveted to the car frame to form guides at the four corners of the bucket position and resemble ears, hence their popular name. Also between each pair of bucket positions on a flat car is a double ladder of structural steel permitting the hooker to mount the car to the full height of the bucket from either side and hook the bail to the crane.

The concrete crew on the block handles the dumping of the bottom-dump roller-gate buckets and works the two Jackson bulb-type mass concrete vibrators and the Jackson puddler for compacting the surface of the concrete at the top of a lift. The concrete is placed in 10-foot lifts in winter and 8-foot lifts in summer. After the concrete in a lift is brought to grade and sets for 2 to 5

hours, depending on the temperature, the surface is hosed off with a high pressure air and water jet to remove the sand and cement at the surface and provide a good bonding surface for the next lift. Between lifts and between adjacent blocks copper strip water stops are placed.

For curing the blocks a ¾-inch water line perforated every 12 inches is carried around the four sides. Sprinkler heads are attached to a similar line on top of the block with a single head for each 200 square feet of surface. Sprinkling for curing is continued for 15 days.

Concrete production and placing to date has reached a maximum of 4,600 cubic yards in 24 hours. Present placing rate averages 3,500 cubic yards per day with 85,000 cubic yards as a record month.

#### Labor and Safety

The working hours for the Tygart Dam organization are three 8-hour shifts for labor from 8 to 4, 4 to 12 and 12 to 8, the first shift starting at eight in the morning. The Federal regulations restrict all labor to a maximum of 130 hours of work a month with the exception of whirler operators and signal men. Occasionally a trade is exempted when there is a shortage, as carpenters were exempted from the 130-hour limit in May. The limit is eight hours for any one man in a calendar day.

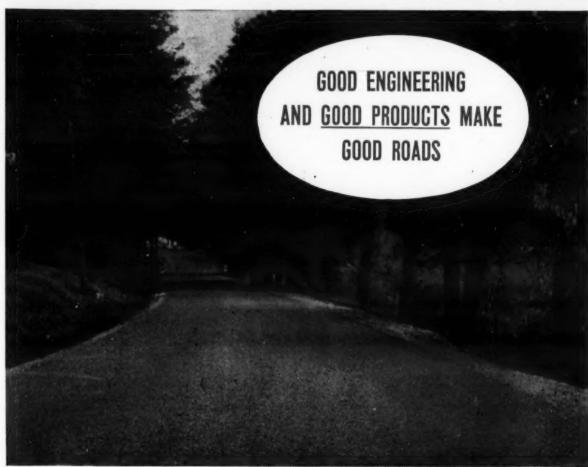
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On a project of this size where the labor organization has varied from a minimum of 100 men to a maximum of about 1,000, the need of constant precautions to prevent careless workmen from injuring themselves or others is evident. The Frederick Snare Corp. employs a Safety Foreman whose sole duty is to prevent the many preventable accidents. Evidence of his activity is found in the wide stairs with hand rails giving access to all parts of the work, ladders tied securely to the forms or other structure against which they lean, stretchers at strategic points, fire extinguishers wherever there is danger of fire to an important structure on which

men are working, and clear passages throughout the working area. Of course the careless workman is still in evidence and, with the method of hiring men today and the scarcity of skilled labor, as great pressure cannot be brought to bear on the laborers. The State Compensation Commission which carries the insurance of the contractor has recognized the results of the safety work done by cutting the insurance rate in half since the work at Tygart Dam started.

#### Personnel

The work at Tygart Dam is under the direct charge of Randall Cremer, Vice President, the Frederick Snare Corp., with C. S. Canals as Resident Engineer, John Pierson as General Superintendent, and J. Manning as Mechanical Superintendent. The project is being built under the direction of the Corps of Engineers, U.S.A., Col. W. E. R. Covell, District Engineer, with Capt. B. C. Fowlkes as Officer in Charge representing the District Engineer, and C. H. Wagner, Resident Engineer.



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After straight-edging the road to de-termine where the low spots were located, the crew brought up its two trucks, one carrying the tools and tow-ing the Wheeled Roller, and the other carrying the repair material and towing the kettle in which the cut-back was carried.

The first operation was to clean the area of any free dirt and then pour on some cut-back asphalt diluted with gassome cut-back aspnait diluted with gas-oline, swabbing the area thoroughly so that every portion of the surface to be covered was "wet" with the cut-back. Then shovelfuls of the finely ground rock asphalt from the truck were spread over the area and luted until the edges were well feathered with the finer material, and the coarser, up to ¼ inch, was in the center of the patch. The larger pieces were shoveled up and returned to the truck. Each load of the patching material brought out from the state highway garage where the rock asphalt was stored was heated by steam,

phalt was stored was heated by steam, making it more workable.

The lutes used for spreading the rock asphalt were 30 x 6-inch planks with long handles so that the men could work the material without stepping on it. The front edge of each lute had a piece of iron held firmly by screws to prevent the lute wearing as well as to aid in cutting the material when it is a little high in the patch.

After luting to smoothness the patch

After luting to smoothness the patch was thoroughly rolled with a Wheeled Roller pushed and pulled by the truck. Water from the small tank on the roller

was allowed to run over the roll to prevent sticking of the warm material.

The equipment of the crew whose work was observed in particular conwork was observed in particular consisted of two Indiana trucks, a Chausse heating kettle, a Wheeled Roller, and the necessary pouring pots, shovels, lutes and warning signs for traffic. John Flock was Inspector for this unit work-ing out of the highway garage on In-diana Route 46 just east of Bloomington, Ind.

#### **New West Coast Manager** For Robert W. Hunt Co.

Frederick S. Cook has been appointed Pacific Coast Manager for Robert W. Hunt Co., Engineers, of Chicago, Ill. Mr. Cook will make his headquarters at 251 Kearny St., San Francisco, Calif. A Columbia University graduate in mining in 1905, he has, since 1919, been Vice President and Secretary of the Mc-Craken-Ripley Co., of Portland, Ore. He is a member of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers and has been active in veteran and other military organizations.

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miles to the dual drum paver and about 10 miles to the 27E, there were sixteen trucks running to the dual drum paver and nine to the 27E. These trucks were all hired locally and were Ford V-8 and Chevrolet trucks with dual pneumatic

#### **Expansion Joints**

The new beam-type dowel and premoulded material expansion joint used in New Jersey was installed throughout this contract. It consisted of twelve channel-section dowels 2 inches deep with a ½-inch web and ¾-inch flange, weighing 4.2 pounds per foot. These dowels were made of steel with a maximum tensile strength of 125,000 pounds per square inch and were machined square at the ends which were covered with a cellular compression material. Angles 9 feet 9 inches long and 1 x 1 x ½-inch in size were laid along the face of the Johns-Manville ½-inch premoulded joint material and in contact with the upper and lower sides of the dowels. The angles were held firmly against the dowels by C-clamps between alternate dowels. Attached to the joint structure was a waterproofing strip of 20-gage galvanized sheet iron dipped in asphalt paint and measuring 9 feet 11½ inches long and with flanges 1½ inches wide turned up at an angle of 45 degrees for 5/16-inch at the end. A protection cap was placed over this during concreting and was removed by the finisher after the finishing machine had made its second trip. This left ½-inch above The new beam-type dowel and preafter the finishing machine had made its second trip. This left 5/s-inch above the waterproofing strip which was later poured with bituminous filler. An Aeroil sphalt kettle and pouring pot was used

asphalt kettle and pouring pot was used for this purpose.

The design of this new type of joint was described in detail in an article by H. W. Giffin, Engineer of Surveys and Plans, New Jersey State Highway Department, on page 2 of the September, 1936, issue of Contractors and Engineer Montractors.

CINEERS MONTHLY.
The specifications require that all of the channels used as dowels in the ex-pansion joint be coated over the entire surface with a brushed coat of ready-mixed white lead paint and then the en-tire surface with the exception of the end surfaces and the %-inch top and bottom surfaces and the yearner top and bottom surfaces are covered with a brushed coat of ready-mixed red lead paint and the entire exposed surface finally covered with a brushed coat of transmission oil. Each coat is required to be at least two days old but not more than thirty days old when the channel is used. The coat of transmission oil is applied after the joint structure is assembled and within

he hour of concreting into place.

These specifications necessitated five hen in the contractor's yard painting the expansion joint parts. Out on the road the man who oiled the forms also oiled the channels and helped move the

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#### **New General Utility** Roller Is Portable

The Galion general utility roller, weighing up to 8,600 pounds, is designed for the same service as the conventional 5 to 7-ton tandem rollers, ventional 5 to 7-ton tandem rollers, according to the manufacturer, the Galion Iron Works & Mfg. Co., Galion, Ohio. It is suitable for rolling all kinds of patch material, highway shoulders, compacting loose material, and similar work, and its easy portability by towing behind a truck makes it particularly adaptable for use by a maintenance crown adaptable for use by a maintenance crew which moves from job to job along a state or county highway system. When attached to a truck and the roll raised off the ground by means of a hydraulic lift, it can be transported from place to place at truck speed.
Steering of the roller is accomplished

by means of a large automotive type steering wheel. Forward and reverse motions are controlled by a single lever, conveniently located. Gear shift and hand brake levers, motor throttle and control rod for the sprinkler valve are all within easy reach of the operator.



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A Galion Single-Roll Utility Roller Compacting Base Course on a 3.985-Mile Contract South of Provo, Utah, for Which Strong & Grant of Spring-ville, Utah, Was The Contractor

The motor, transmission and compres sion roll are mounted in a sub-frame hinged at the back to the main frame by a large cross shaft mounted in bronze bushings and supported at the front by a yoke which is attached to the hydraulic ram used for raising and lower-

ing the sub-frame.

Ample size locking pins with retainers are supplied for supporting the sub-frame when raised for towing and the same pins lock the sub-frame to the main frame when the roller is being optached to the towing cross-member of the truck and sub-frame raised for towing, ample clearance of from 8 to 9 inches is provided under the compresinches is provided under the compression roll.

The power plant consists of a 4-cylinder motor equipped with air cleaner, magneto with impulse starter, governor and fan. The motor is fully enclosed and protected. Fuel consumption for this power plant for normal rolling condi-tions is, according to the manufacturer, one half gallon per hour.

A water tank and valve and a sprin-

kler pipe are provided for keeping the surface of the compression roll wet when to pick up. The compression roll is of water-tight welded construction to take water up to 2,300 pounds when it is

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MARLOW PUMPS

A Norwegian Snow Plow Which Gives Results Similar to Rotaries

#### A Plow for Snow Breaking

'Snow breaking" is the term used by Norwegians for snow removal operations because the heavy snows create a major highway problem in Norway. In the steep and narrow mountain passes the steep and narrow mountain passes drifts pile high, separating the com-munities for weeks. The methods used to break open these roads have been studied by experts from all European countries, according to Johnnie Colb-jornsen, an equipment dealer at Oslo,

Norway.
Mr. Colbjornsen working with a highway engineer has developed a new V-type front-end plow somewhat similar to American design but with a unique wing. The wing is mounted behind the V-plow and is of right-angle shape, with a wide bottom blade and a 3-foot side. Connected to the end of this wing is

connected to the end of this wing is another, slightly tapered in design but of similar appearance.

With this device, snow which falls to the right of the V-plow is speedily picked up and thrown high and wide over the road, leaving a clean roadway and smooth, sheer banks, similar in appearance to those made by rotary plows.

These plows have been mounted on FWD trucks made by the Four Wheel Drive Auto Co., Clintonville, Wis. for which Mr. Colbjornsen is Norwegian desired to add additional weight to the

Heavy-duty 32 x 6-inch tires are used the rear wheels. These tires are on the rear wheels. These tires are smooth tread and are designed to give the greatest amount of tread contact area to prevent marking of the material being rolled. Air pressure on the tires can be reduced to cut the contact pres-

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Complete specifications of this Galion portable roller are contained in Bulletin 194, which may be secured direct from the manufacturer by mentioning this magazine.



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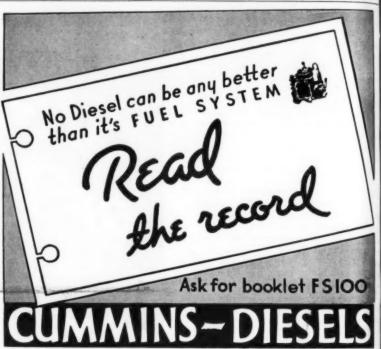
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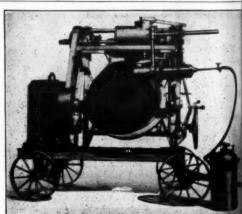
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#### Careful Planning For Winter Storms

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nent with the school men to take children in rural areas to their homes on notice of a coming snow storm.

#### When the Storm Comes

On the occasion of a storm, immediate determination of procedure is necessary. There is no need to discuss the routine removal of snow or of surface main-tenance following the ordinary snow fall, as this should be cared for automatically if your general preparatory work has been done properly. But the occasional big storm, when

you may anticipate that your resources are to be overtaxed and that there will be unusual hazard to the traveling pub-

be unusual hazard to the traveling public, requires special organization.

The time element is a big factor in several ways when a big storm is impending. You can usually anticipate in such case that visibility will be so low that driving even of trucks will be impossible if you have to take a big blow after dark. Your first problem then is to get every person on the roads prior to that time to a safe stopping point. Arrangements with the school men and for public notice work well at such a

for public notice work well at such a time, if notice is promptly given.

During the height of the blow, you may or may not be able to maintain some essential part of your system open to traffic. In either case it is essential that powerful units be constantly available for trouble shooting. In our own territory, there are many small communities which are entirely dependent on communication with the cities for medical aid, which requires that these All of this must be done without dis-

rupting your snow removal program and with the minimum of fatigue for your personnel, for in one of the big storms the really exhausting grind comes in the last quarter of the storm.

It is essential that your plant and per-sonnel be ready for a quick clean-up of the roads once a storm is beginning to abate. Your determination of procedure at the beginning of a storm should always contemplate this and provide emergency work only as far as is prac-ticable to insure uninterrupted service. From a paper presented at the Twenty-Second Annual enference on Highway Engineering, Ann Arbor, Mich.

LAYING BLACK TOP?

#### Handling Concrete by Pump and Pipeline

The system of placing concrete by pump and pipeline known as Pumpcrete was first introduced in the United States in 1932. Nearly 4,000,000 cubic yards of concrete have been placed by this method in this country, on a wide va-riety of construction jobs.

In a booklet "Concrete by Pump and In a booklet "Concrete by Pump and Pipeline" prepared by Charles F. Ball, Chief Engineer, Construction Equipment Division, Chain Belt Co., and published by the American Concrete Institute, appears a discussion of the pump itself, associated equipment, and an enumeration of some of the phenomena of concrete actions in connection with these devices. This discussion is supplemented devices. This discussion is supplemented by tables and illustrations, giving details on mixtures placed by this system and showing how it works.

Copies of this booklet may be secured

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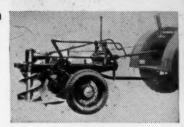
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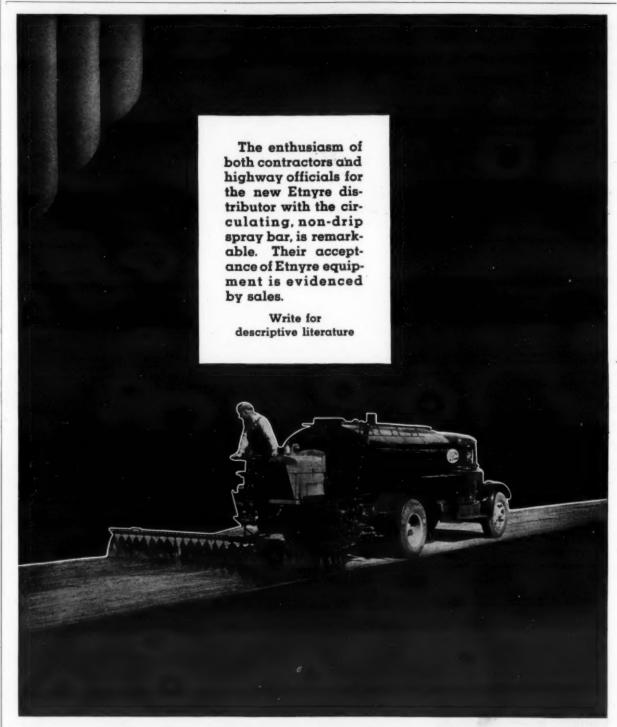


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#### Giving the Water Boy a Sanitary Water Pail

You have been out on a construction job on a hot day and had the water boy periodically offer you a drink from a G.I. pail and a rusty tin dipper which every laborer, healthy and otherwise, and all the rest of the engineers on the job had used. You haven't died from it yet, but you may have had some minor ills from this none too sanitary method of quenching one's thirst.

of quenching one's thirst.

As a means of providing a clean sanitary drink out on the construction job, the Magnetic Signal Co., 3355 E. Slauson Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., has developed the Port-A-Fount which is a 3-gallon covered water container with a handle and a short single stroke plunger pump which forces a stream of water handle and a short single stroke plunger pump which forces a stream of water from the nozzle at an oblique angle, avoiding possible contamination. An automatic pressure regulator valve limits the flow of water to a convenient drinking position and prevents squirt-ing. A chromium plated guard prevents the drinker from placing his lips in con-tact with the nozzle. The design of this container prevents any water returning

The sheet metal water container is hot dipped galvanized covered after forming. The sanitary nozzle and guard are made of cast bronze and chromium plated. Other external metal parts are cadmium plated. The entire pump as-sembly is rigidly attached to the top

#### Improved Expansion Bolt

A new improved expansion bolt, which is designed to assure holding power up to the breaking point of the bolt, has been developed by the Chicago Expansion Bolt Co., 128 So. Clinton St., Chicago, Ill., by combining the strength of steel and the flowing and gripping properties of lead. Developed for extreme loads, these holts can not work treme loads, these bolts can not work loose because the anchorage material is lead, a dead metal, which absorbs vi-brations, is soft, and does not crush or break down masonry.

The bolt itself is steel and has a thin

steel-cone jacket under the bolt head, with a lead jacket on the outside. A washer, slightly larger than the lead

cover which may be removed readily from the water container for cleaning. A screw cap opening allows refilling without removing the cover. The stand-ard Port-A-Fount weighs only 35 pounds when filled with water.

jacket, is furnished to give a good bearing for driving and expanding the lead jacket. It also prevents the lead from backing up into the setting tool, allowing the tool to be removed easily when the bolt is driven.

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## **Avoid Legal Pitfalls**

These brief abstracts of court decisions may aid you. Local ordinances or state laws may alter conditions in your community. If in doubt consult your own attorney.

Edited by A. L. H. STREET, Attorney-at-Law.

When One Is Interested on

**Both Sides of Contract** 

Both Sides of Contract

There are times when a contractor needs legal counsel at his side much more than is necessary under ordinary conditions. One of these times is when he is about to take a contract with a corporation in which he is a controlling stockholder.

An illustration is afforded in the case of Bell v. Fred T. Ley & Co., 179 N. E. 294, decided by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. There the defendant was interested in a corporation with which it contracted to build a hotel. The court decided that there was nothing to show that the rights of the preferred stockholders of the company were prejudiced, even though the defendant (the contractor) made a profit in building the hotel. The court said:

"A large profit seems to have been made by the defendant, but the recovery of substantial profits by a contractor in and of itself is not ground for setting the contract aside... If the directors of the new corporation, whose conduct must be judged by conditions existing when the contract was made, exercised independent judgment and acted in good faith in the execution of the contract, ... no wrong was done to the corporation of which it or the preferred stockholders can complain."

Speak Now or Never

#### Federal Contract Profits Are Taxable

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Are Taxable

"You owe the State of Oregon \$82,050.28 as series taxes on the profits you made over a period of four years in constructing the Owyhee dam and irrigation works," blithely remarked the State Tax Commission to a construction company organized under the laws of Washington.

"Oh no," answered the company. "That was a federal joh, and you have no right to impose taxes on Uncle Sam's projects."

"But you are not Uncle Sam's projects."

"But you are not Uncle Sam or ot even a relative of his," replied the Commission.

Mutual arguments failing to convince either party, the controversy went to the courts. Holding that the company was liable for the tax, the Oregon Supreme Court said (General Construction Co. v. Fisher, 39 Pac. 358):

"The principle of immunity from state or local taxation of the property and instrumentalities of the United States is generally based upon the direct ownership or use and control of the property by the United States. Such immunity does not extend to the property of an independent contractor for gain, even should it be used in carrying out a contract with the United States. The same principle obtains regarding taxation by the United States of incomes derived by persons and corporations from the state."

Right of Superintendent

#### Right of Superintendent to Lien for Compensation

A disadvantage in being the "big shot" on a construction job is indicated in an opinion lately rendered by the Wisconsin Supreme Court (Didier v. Kennedy, 246 N. W. 409).

Plaintiff was the executive head in the performance of certain paving contracts for defendant, holding a general power of attorney from the latter. He was to receive \$350 per month, plus 20 per cent of the net profits of the jobs. The salary was paid, but more than \$2,000 was due and unpaid on account of profits.

than \$2,000 was due and unpaid on account of profits.

Plaintiff sought the benefits of Wisconsin statutes which require contractors to give bonds for payment of labor claims, and which make such claims lienable against funds due contractors on municipal jobs. Holding that the statutes did not apply, the court said:

"The plaintiff was not a laborer working upon the job. He was a superintendent in charge of the job under a power of attorney, giving him all of the authority that the contractor himself had. It may be said in addition to that that such manual service as he did perform was fully covered and paid for by the monthly wage agreed upon. The rate of compensation itself would arouse doubt that he was doing the work of a laborer or workman in the ordinary sense. The plaintiff having failed to establish a right to a lien, he has no claim against the defendant city of Beloit, or against the defendant Royal Indemnity Company on its bond."

#### Liability for Mistakes in Preferring Criminal Charges

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Preferring Criminal Charges

If a contractor would minimize the risks of being sued on account of criminal charges leing made by his managing employees against third persons, such employees should be clearly instructed just how to proceed where some third person is suspected of forgery or some other crime. Very risky business is it to have people arrested without being almost certain of their guilt.

But a recent decision of the North Carolina Supreme Court (Lamm v. Charles Stores Co., Inc., 159 S. E. 444) is to the effect that an owner of a business is not liable in damages for libel or false arrest committed by a manager unauthorizedly. That was a case where a manager seems to have mistakenly assumed that plaintiff had forged a check, and wrote a letter, and swore out a warrant, charging forgery. Defendant was exonerated from liability for its manager's act under a rule of law stated by the court as follows:

"All the authorities are in agreement that, if the agent, of his own notion, undertakes to set in motion the machinery of the criminal law to avenge an imagined wrong against his employer, such act does not impose liability upon the employer, unless such employer authorized or ratified the conduct of the employer."

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"Then, it is too late to complain now," decided his honor.

We quote below the actual language of the Court of Appeals of Louisiana in this case—City of Shreveport v. Curcio, 157 So. 317:

"In matters of this kind, property owners should not passively stand by and allow unlawful contracts to be executed, or patently improper or faulty material used in the im-

provement in which they are interested; objections or protests should be made at such time that corrections would be effective. \* \* \* When the municipality, through its governing authority, accepts work done under contract with it, and there is a substantial compliance with such contract, in the absence of fraud or material error, the door is closed to individuals to interfere."



"Judge, I ought not to have to pay that paving assessment, because the record of the improvement proceedings is incomplete, failing to show the quality of the paving, unit prices for the work, etc.," complained an abutting property owner in Louisiana when sued on the assessment.

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#### Vibrators for Concrete Placing

842 Complete details on the various models of Mall concrete vibrators, with gasengine, air, or electric power units, as well as suggestions as to the best type of vibrator for your particular job, may be securing by writing direct to the Mall Tool Co., 7743 So. Chicago Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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843 A feature of the Marlow self-priming
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7 The Griffin Jet N' Drive wellpoint systems for keeping wet jobs dry and ahead of schedule are described and illustrated in Catalog A which the Griffin Wellpoint Corp., 60 E. 42nd St., New York City will be glad to send on request.

#### Motor Trucks for Contractors

Complete information on the GMC 3-ton motor truck, or any of the other GMC trucks in larger or smaller sizes, may be secured upon request from the General Motors Truck Co., Pontiac, Mich.

#### New Machine for Ditching

846 The Parsons Co., Newton, Iowa, will be glad to send to interested contractors and state and county highway engineers complete information on the Parsons Whirlwind, a new portable machine to be used behind any wheeled tractor for terracing, ditching, surface drains and similar work.

#### Reducing Hauling Costs

The Ford Motor Co., Dearborn, Mich., will be glad to have you get in touch with your local Ford dealer to arrange an "on-the-job" test of the Ford V-B truck, using your own loads and job conditions, to demonstrate the performance and economy claimed for these trucks.

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#### Easily-Legible Steel Measuring Tape

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#### Rollers for Road Building and Maintenance

S52 Complete information on the Buffalo-Springfield road rollers, in a variety of sizes, tandem or three wheel, may be se-cured by interested contractors, and state and county highway engineers from the Buf-falo-Springfield Roller Co., Springfield, Ohio.

#### High Speed Safety Snow Plows

853 A 4-page leaflet has recently been issued by The Heil Co., 3000 W. Montana St., Milwaukee, Wis., describing and illustrating the Model 1 Gettelman Hi-Speed safety snow plow for mounting on 1½-ton trucks and the Models 2 and 3 Gettelman snow plows for mounting on 2½-ton trucks and up.

#### Truck-Mounted Compressor

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The new C-P Utility compressor for truck mounting to provide compressed air on road jobs and similar work, which is mounted crosswise on the truck to leave ample room for hauling men and material, is described in a new folder SP-1953 which the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co., 6 E. 44th St., New York City, will be glad to send on request.

#### A Hydraulic Road Scraper

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855 The Monarch hydraulic road scraper for use with 1½-ton trucks, features of which are horizontal compression springs with patented blade arm assemblies hinged and locked against lifting, digging and chattering effects, is described and illustrated in a new folder which the Monarch Road Machinery Co., Grand Rapids, Mich., will send on request.

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858 Two new booklets, describing the Commins line of industrial engines raging in power from 55 to 200 hp, have just been issued by the Cummins Engine Co. Columbus, Ind. One deals with the many types and applications of these engines and the other describes the fuel injection systems and the difference between the individual pump of the high pressure type and the low pressure distributor type of fuel pump. Copies of these booklets may be secured for rect from the Cummins Engine Co., by meating this magazine.



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#### A New Snow Plow Catalog

A complete snow plow catalog and handbook, No. 101, has recently been brought out by Good Roads Machinery Corp., Kennett Square, Pa. The book contains 62 pages and shows and explains the several types and 28 various models of Good Roads plows for the winter of 1936-37.

#### Corrugated Culvert Pipe

Full details on Gohi corrugated culvert pipe and its use as culverts for highway protection may be secured by contractors, state and county highway engineers from Gohi Culvert Manufacturers, Inc., Newport, Ky.

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the second brace. The distance between the top and second brace varied from 8 to 15 feet, the top braces running parallel to the street surface and the lower braces parallel to the sewer grade.

#### Wellpoint Dried the Trench

A wellpoint header was placed about 15 feet from the bottom of the trench. The horizontal sheeting from the wellpoint header down was 4-inch and placed at the back of the front flange of the H-beam, thus leaving a 12-inch space through which 2-inch Moretrench wellpoints on 3-foot centers were driven on either side of the trench. An 8-inch Moretrench pump was used to unwater the two lines of wellpoints in a 400-foot section a 400-foot section or two 6-inch pumps when the trench was particularly wet.

The excess excavated material not used for backfill was hauled by a fleet

of 7½-ton Mack trucks with dual pneumatic tires and dumped on a nearby lot for fill. On the dump the material was spread with a Caterpillar Sixty tractor and LaPlant-Choate bulldozer. The coarse sand excavated at the bottom of the trench ran the gamut of the colors of the rainbow, a somewhat unusual occurrence in this section.

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#### Similar Work on Contract 11

Rodgers & Hagerty, Inc., was also the contractor for another section of the Bronx Intercepting Sewer on 133rd Street and Third Avenue and 135th and Exterior Streets. Exterior Streets. On this work, the same type of construction was used as

on Contract 12 but the excavation was on Contract 12 but the excavation was 40 feet deep and the soldier beams were driven 8 feet on center. Moretrench wellpoints were used, set first on the top stringers and then on the second stringers. Excavation in this section was much easier as the trench was coarse sand with a small amount of clay from top to bettom. from top to bottom.

#### Personnel

Contract 11 for 6,325 linear feet of 10-foot x 8-foot concrete sewer in place was awarded to Rodgers & Hagerty, Inc., for \$1,278,000. Contract 12 for 6,675 linear feet of 10 x 8-foot and 10 x 7foot 6-inch sewer was also awarded to the same contractor for a contract price of \$1,450,000. This contract, which is part of the Ward's Island Sewage Treatment Works, was carried on under the supervision of John J. Hagerty, General Superintendent and Works Manager, Supervision of John J. Hagerty, General Superintendent and Works Manager, with Frank W. Allen, Chief Engineer, David Bonner, Construction Engineer and William Kauffman, Field Engineer. Joseph Rice was Superintendent on Contract 11 and Ed Berglund was Superintendent on Contract 12. For the City

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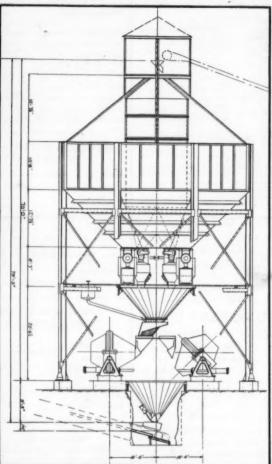








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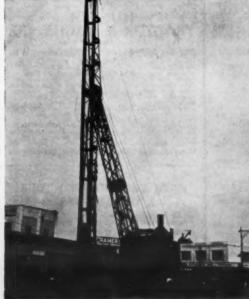


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